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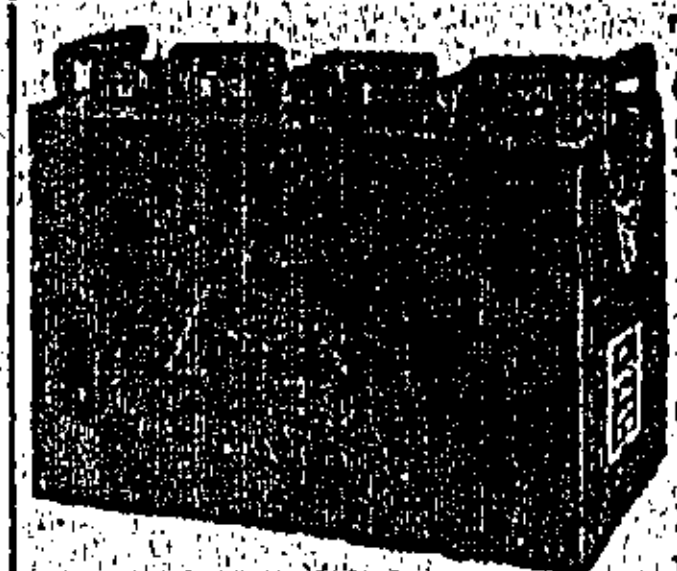
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## LADY ATTACKED.

### TERRIBLE SHANGHAI AFFAIR.

#### A MIDNIGHT STRUGGLE.

Shanghai, Nov. 18.  
Miss Freda Frommel, Directress of the Music Department of the Shanghai American School, one of the leading pianists in the Far East, was the victim of one of the most ghastly attacks on a foreigner by a Chinese yet recorded.

Miss Frommel was alone at midnight on Tuesday in her house when a former house-boy, whom she had dismissed a fortnight ago, entered the bedroom and demanded \$200. Miss Frommel told him to get her purse and while he was doing so she rang a bell, seeing which, the man pulled out a knife and stabbed her.

#### SEVEN WOUNDS.

She got out of bed, defended herself and caught hold of the knife, only to have it pulled from her hand, causing her fingers to be slashed. Miss Frommel also received a cut on the base of the neck, two on the back, one across the wrist, one on the chest and one across the knee.

#### ASSAILANT ESCAPES.

The noise woke the servants and their footsteps frightened the assailant, who ran from the house and escaped. Miss Frommel, panic-stricken, also ran from the house and aroused the neighbours, who called a doctor and the police.

Miss Frommel is now in hospital, where her wounds have been sewn up. She is doing as well as can be expected and is in danger of losing her life, but it is feared that it will be months before she will be able to straighten her fingers, if ever, and she will never be able to play as before. Miss Frommel also taught languages and formerly directed the Music Department at a school at Washington. She has been in Shanghai for several years.

#### ANOTHER VERSION.

Our Shanghai correspondent, calling last night, sent the following story of the affair:

Miss Freda Frommel, directress of the music department of the American School, and among the leading pianists in China (formerly a teacher in Washington, D.C.) was alone in her residence in the French Concession when she had a life and death midnight struggle with a discharged Chinese servant, armed with a butcher's knife.

She received numerous, not mortal, wounds on the body; arms and legs, the encounter starting on the top storey of the apartment and continuing down two stairways.

#### NEIGHBOUR ARRIVES.

Her screams attracted a neighbour, Mr. George Fitch, secretary of the Chinese Y. M. C. A., whose pounding on the door and ringing of the bell frightened the assailant, who, however, paused long enough to cut the tendons of both hands of his victim, probably destroying her piano ability.

Miss Frommel, in her night dress, stumbled down the stairs and opened the door, going then to hospital.

The police of the Settlements are now seeking her assailant.

## NICARAGUAN APPEAL.

### SEEKS AID FROM UNITED STATES.

New York, Nov. 17.  
A message from Managua says that President Diaz has requested American intervention to put Nicaragua on a peace basis, saying that a weak country like Nicaragua is unable to quell the revolution which is aided by Mexico.—*Reuters' American Service.*

## CHINA QUESTIONS IN PARLIAMENT.

### REFERENCE TO "SUNNING" PIRACY.

#### WAR ZONE CONDITIONS.

London, Nov. 17.

In the House of Commons, answering questions, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that the advance of Southern forces in Central China did not appear to have adversely affected the personal security of British residents or involved serious danger to British property, though, inevitably, there had been some disturbance of British establishments in the army zone. Anti-British agitation in Szechuan had led to the destruction of some British property at Chungking, and it had been considered advisable for the women and children to leave that port.

Conditions in Mid-China were still uncertain and it would be premature to pass judgment.

Questioned as regards the Sunning incident, Sir Austen Chamberlain asked for notice, and also requested notice of a question whether he could assure the House that there was a sufficient naval force at Hankow to ensure the safety of British residents in case of need.—*Reuters.*

## BOY CULPRIT.

### SAYS HE WOULD RATHER GO TO GAOL.

A small Chinese boy was charged before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning with being in possession of a razor believed to have been stolen.

Reading from the police record, his Worship observed that the defendant was convicted twice last year and once this year, for larceny, and in each case he was given the birch.

Defendant:—I'd like to be imprisoned.

His Worship:—You'd like to be imprisoned?

Defendant:—I would rather go to gaol.

His Worship passed sentence of three months' hard labour.

## JAVA REVOLT.

### RINGLEADERS STILL AT LIBERTY.

Amsterdam, Nov. 17.

A message from Batavia says there is no cause for anxiety, as 49 rebels have surrendered to the local police. The whole Executive of the Communist Party of Bandoeng have been arrested, and there have been 455 arrests at Welterreden. Though the ringleaders are apparently still at liberty, the Governor-General of the Dutch Indies has cabled to the Colonial Minister stating that the situation in West Java is satisfactory, except in the Pandeglang Regency, where the population is in serious revolt.—*Reuters.*

## VISITING INDIA.

### EARL WINTERTON'S HOLIDAY.

Rugby, Nov. 17.  
Earl Winterton, Parliamentary Under-Secretary for India, is, with the permission of the Secretary for India, proceeding to India on a short private and unofficial visit in December.  
He will return in time for the new Parliamentary Session in February.—*British Wireless.*

## SUNNING ENGINEER'S THRILLING STORY.

### BATTLE WITH PIRATES AND THEN NINE HOURS ADRIFT.

### SECOND OFFICER'S DESPERATE ACTION LEADS TO PIRATES' DOWNFALL.

## SURPRISE MEETING WITH PIRATE BOAT.

This morning, H. M. S. Verity brought into port the boatload of people, including the Russian lady passenger, who got adrift from the Sunning. A thrilling story is told by the survivors, who were adrift for nine hours and once found themselves quite close to the boatload of pirates subsequently captured by the Bluebell, but who were frightened off by the firing of revolvers into the air. Rough weather was experienced until the survivors were picked up by the Norwegian steamer Ravensfjell, the mast of the boat breaking three times, and it was with some difficulty that a rope was eventually picked up from the Norwegian steamer, Mr. A. Duncan, the third engineer, having to jump overboard to secure it.

The most gratifying features of the Sunning piracy disclosed to-day is that practically all the members of the pirate gang have been accounted for. There are now between twenty and thirty held in custody here.

## THE PIRATE GANG.

### OVER THIRTY IN CUSTODY.

The official view of the police, now that full enquiries have been made, is that nearly all the pirates have been accounted for and that few got away entirely. Some were killed in the fight on ship, some were captured in the boat found by H.M.S. Bluebell, some were arrested by the boarding party from H.M.S. Bluebell, and more have been comb out of those who said they were passengers when the ship was eventually brought into Hongkong.

There are between thirty and forty Chinese, either pirates or suspected of being pirates, now in the custody of the police. One or two are in hospital, but the bulk are under detention at Police Headquarters. The exact number to be charged is not yet known, because police investigations into all the cases are progressing. There are a number against whom definite charges can already be brought, and these will appear before the Magistrate to-morrow morning for formal charging. The others, against whom there will eventually be proceedings, will be charged on Saturday. Some of those being held may prove to be bona fide passengers in no way connected with the outrage.

## SURVIVORS ARRIVE.

### THRILLING STORY OF ADVENTURES.

"Talk of thrills; I have had enough to last me a life-time," was the remark of Mr. "Andy" Duncan, third engineer of the distressed Sunning, when he was seen shortly after arrival of H.M.S. Verity this morning by a *Telegraph* representative.

When first the pirates gained control, it was his watch, and he got his first inkling of anything wrong when a fireman ran in and told him.

No pirate went anywhere near the engine-room. He remained on watch, ignorant of what was going on above, for an hour and a half. Then the Chief Engineer came down and told him the story of the subjection of the officers; said he had had enough and told Duncan to go up.

"I went up and found practically all the officers in the Captain's room, and Mrs. Prokofier was there also," continued Mr. Duncan. "They were quite calm and we had a little ukulele concert, myself providing the music."

The pirates troubled them little, Mr. Lapsley, who was in a nasty predicament, having been forced by the chief pirate to act as interpreter, announced that the pirates did not intend to take any of the officers' property.

The pirate chief's right hand man was wearing. They had taken the rings off Mrs. Prokofier's fingers, but on request they were returned.

## TRIBUTE TO SECOND OFFICER.

Mr. Duncan spoke in glowing terms of the Second Officer, Mr. Hurst, telling our reporter that he was always talking of an opportunity of turning the tables.

It came about midnight when the Second Officer was on the bridge with Captain Pringle and two pirates. One pirate was given night-glasses when he was told that the light had been observed, the other strained to see with the naked eye, and while they were thus intent on Chiling Point, the Second Officer, dropped them both from behind, neither making a sound.

"We of course in the cabin knew nothing of this, but the Second described it afterwards," said the Third Engineer.

"We heard bumps and scuffling, and many shots ringing out and we thought our pals were done for." The Chief Engineer staggered into the room with a bullet wound in the leg, though I did not know until afterwards that the pirates had used him as a shield in a desperate attempt to resume control of the bridge.

"We heard the glass of the skylight being smashed and thought that it was the action of the pirates, but a friendly call relieved our fears, and I jumped up and opened the skylight from within," he continued.

The party in the room were all pulled to the bridge with the exception of the Chief Engineer, who declined to make the attempt, but shortly afterwards he staggered up to the bridge from the companion way.

For the next five hours they were lying on their stomachs, fighting for their lives. Only two revolvers and with ammunition running short, they had to make one shot do for one man and both the Chief Officer and the Captain did deadly work.

At about half past one, when the ship was fired by the pirates, they saw one boat putting off from the poop deck. He did not think the type of boat could possibly live in the high seas running.

Firing was kept up in a desultory manner until sometime about four o'clock when another boatload of pirates made off from the ship, the wind having veered and changed the direction of the fierce fire.

It having been concluded that the whole of the superstructure must be destroyed by the flames, Mrs. Prokofier, Mr. Duncan, the Second Officer, the wireless operator, and two quartermasters, were told to man the last remaining life-boat. It was, as flame, at the stern but the worst was put out.

and when the boat dropped into the sea, it was quickly extinguished. It was intended that the boat should not separate from the Sunning, but the rope had been partly burnt through and in the rough sea it broke, casting them adrift.

## NEAR THE PIRATES.

They pitched and tossed until day dawned and then found to their astonishment that the nearest craft was the pirate boat which had left the Sunning only half an hour before them.

The pirate craft was only 200 yards away and the heads of three men were seen above the gunwale. The Second Officer suggested an attack but quickly realised the futility, and scared them off by firing his revolver into the air.

"That sounds peculiar, perhaps," said Mr. Duncan, "but the fact of the matter was that the revolver was a large one for which we had no ammunition. We did however have some .22 ammunition and by manipulation the Second Officer was enabled to explode the percussion cap."

The sails on the boat came in very useful, the boat ran before the wind and although the passage was rough, they made 25 miles South before the Norwegian s.s. Ravensfjell hove in sight. Beforehand the mast had snapped three times, but each time they repaired the damage.

"Getting our feet on that ship was all we desired," continued the Third Engineer, "but the heavy swell made operations very difficult."

## MR. DUNCAN'S BRAVERY.

The Ravensfjell worked round to shelter the boat, but the rope they threw out fell short. Mr. Duncan (a good swimmer) made a midnight swim to the rescue of an officer in the Yangtze River recently dived overboard, seized it, swam back to the ship's boat, and tied up.

The boat was then brought alongside and one by one the crew, which had been struggling for nine hours, were taken on board. Mrs. Prokofier had shown amazing pluck throughout the whole affair, but she had to be tied round the waist and hauled up.

The party thought they were destined for Shanghai but after about sixteen hours' cruising, the destroyer H.M.S. Verity came up behind belching smoke, and took them off.

They were brought into Hongkong early this morning, H.M.S. Verity having made 23 knots all the way.

Mrs. Prokofier was with Mr. Duncan while this conversation was going on, and though she speaks very little English, she tried to convey her gratitude at what was done for her by the officers.

The Russian lady was bound for Australia and intended to catch the s.s. Tipling, but it has already left.

All her valuable luggage, has, it is believed, been destroyed by fire, and she has at present nothing more than she is wearing.

Mr. R. Lapsley also joined the party, enquiring for his brother, Mr. H. W. Lapsley, who it is feared must have lost his life, either by the pirates who vented their spite upon him after they found they had lost control, or in the fire. It is regarded as very unlikely that Mr. Lapsley was taken away as a hostage.

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## ANOTHER PIRATICAL ATTEMPT?

### SERIOUS TROUBLE ON "HONGFENG."

#### TWENTY CASUALTIES.

A meagre report of a very serious happening on board the British steamer Hongkong, now on its way from Singapore to Hongkong, has been received in the Colony this morning. Twenty casualties are reported.

The boat, which belongs to the Seng Soon Hong, of 14, Bonham Strand, left Singapore on Tuesday, and is due here on Sunday morning. A wireless message concerning the affair has been sent out from the ship and picked up at Singapore, from which port the Master Attendant has wired advice and instructions to the Harbour Master here in Hongkong.

The message from the ship stated that 20 casualties had been incurred due to a fight with suspected pirates. The Harbour Master here has been instructed to get into touch with the vessel and, if necessary, inform the Naval authorities and the Police.

What has actually happened is not known, but it is presumed here that an attempted piracy has been frustrated.

The vessel is a well-known trading ship between here and the Straits, and is of 2,500 tons gross. She left Singapore with a fair number of passengers and a fair cargo.

## COAL DISPUTE.

### WALES AND SCOTLAND STAND OUT.

London, Nov. 17.

A further 8,000 miners have refused work.

The South Wales Miners' Federation by a majority of 79,000, has rejected the Government's settlement terms.

At a delegate conference of the National Union of Mineworkers at Glasgow, from a membership of 80,000 57,000 voted against the peace terms.—*Reuters.*

## SETTLEMENT JEOPARDISED.

London, Nov. 17.

The prospect of a formal and official settlement of the coal stoppage this week is jeopardised by the latest decisions of the districts.

Besides Scotland and South Wales, Lancashire, Cheshire and Northumberland have rejected the Government's terms, raising the possibility of rejection by the Miners' Delegate Conference, to-morrow.

The result of the referendum in the districts shows a majority against acceptance. Meanwhile, 357,000 miners are working, or nearly half those for whom employment can now be found.—*Reuters.*

## FAMOUS AIRSHIP.

### R33 TO BE SCRAPPED.

London, Nov. 17.

The famous airship, R33, which has been in commission for ten years, made its last serious flight before the Dominions Premiers at Cardington. Probably within a few weeks, it will journey to Pulham and will be scrapped.—*Reuters.*

## TO-DAY

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## DISARMAMENT.

### HOUSE OF LORDS DEBATE.

#### HOPES OF SUCCESS.

Rugby, Nov. 17.

In the House of Lords to-day Lord Parmoor, who represented the late Labour Government on the Council of the League of Nations, raised the question of disarmament. He said that although from the commencement of the work at Geneva it was felt that disarmament was the acid test of any advance in the direction of real peace, no substantial progress had been made in seven years. He welcomed the decision of the last Assembly of the League of Nations that before next June some declaration should be made by the Commission which had been set up, but the attitude of Great Britain towards disarmament was all-important, and he asked if it were possible for this country to bring forward concrete proposals.

#### ASSURANCE WANTED.

The Earl of Oxford said that the Eighth Article of the Versailles Treaty, signed seven years ago, recognised that the maintenance of peace involved a reduction of national armaments and declared that the Council of the League of Nations should formulate plans for such reduction. The disarmament of Germany, in the view of the signatories to the Treaty of Versailles was not to be treated as an act necessary to secure Europe from a repetition of the war of 1914, but as the first step in a contemplated and considered policy of general disarmament. Some small advance had been made at the Washington Conference, but it was very limited. One hopeful feature of the situation was the convoking of an International Conference by the League of Nations. He asked for an assurance that this Conference was, within a measurable distance of time, likely to complete its work. He recognised the difficulties in achieving disarmament. Any effective system of disarmament would mean the abolition of the use of chemical agents and of the submarine as outside the category of apparatus of warfare which it was legitimate to employ. The world was waiting impatiently, after seven years, for some serious, comprehensive, definite and generally-agreed solution of the problem of disarmament.

#### "ON THE MAP."

Viscount Cecil, replying for the Government said the case for disarmament was overwhelming. It was true that the central difficulties of the problem, had not been touched, but international conditions up to now had not been very favourable. The recent steps would not have been possible but for the Locarno Treaty, and the great improvement in the international atmosphere resulting from it. The Government were anxious to dispose of the question of the disarmament of Germany. They agreed that, substantially, Germany had carried out the greater part of her obligations. Despite inevitable delay in regard to international disarmament, it would be wrong not to recognise that great progress had been made in the last year. Disarmament was now on the map as it had never been before. It was a practical and live question. The Preparatory Committee at Geneva had now agreed on their report and set out answers to all the technical questions which had been put to them. The Economic Commission had not yet finished its report, but it would be a unanimous one.

#### SUBMARINE ISSUE.

Viscount Cecil agreed that chemical warfare and submarines should be entirely abolished, but he said the matter was not a simple one. There was no unanimity of opinion in regard to submarines. The broad results (Continued on Page 4.)





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## A NEW AIRSHIP.

BRITISH GOVERNMENT'S  
GIANT LINER.

Rugby, Nov. 17.  
Several overseas Promoters and other members of the Dominions Delegations to the Imperial Conference are visiting the Royal Airship Works at Cardington to-day, to inspect lighter-than-air machines which it is hoped will play an important part in Empire communication in the future.

The most important work proceeding at Cardington is on the giant airship R 101, which is a vessel of 165 tons. She is destined for service between Britain and India, with a possible extension to other parts of the Empire lying in the northern hemisphere. The Air Ministry anticipate that long-distance nonstop air journeys of the future will be carried out by airship. It is estimated that the vessels now being built should be able to fly without refuelling in good weather a distance of 4,000 miles, with a normal freight and 100 passengers. Objections have been raised to the airship on the ground of danger of storm to the large, fragile structure, and the danger of fire, but great progress has been made in the last two years towards overcoming these difficulties.

As to experimental work, the flights by the R 33 have provided most of the technical materials not hitherto available to airship designers.

Tests on the complete experimental section of the R 101 at Cardington have afforded a valuable check on the designers' calculations. Fabric tests have been carried out both at home and in India, as a result of which much additional knowledge has accrued as to the best material and best method of fixing goldbeater skin to the fabric.

### Passengers' Comfort.

The R 101 will have a cruising speed of 63 miles an hour, and will be equipped with five engines housed in an equal number of cars slung from the ship; and the use of special fuel will, it is stated, prove remarkably economical in consumption. Accommodation for passengers on the R 101 is amidships, divided into upper and lower decks. On the upper deck there will be a lounge fitted to seat 100 passengers, a dining room, and main part of the sleeping accommodation, while running along each side of the airship will be two promenades. On the ground floor will be a smoking room, kitchens, with a lift to the dining rooms, crews quarters and remainder of the passengers' sleeping accommodation. Provision of space for dancing and games and for a shower bath is also contemplated.

The structure of both the R 100 and R 101, now being built to the Government's order, will be incomparably stronger in the matter of material than any built in the past, and as a result of development of the Meteorological Department of the Air Ministry it is believed that it will be possible to avoid storms and make maximum use of the prevailing winds. As for danger from fire, the R 101 is to be equipped, not with petrol but with heavy oil engines. After the new airships have carried out their home trials successfully, they will each be required to undertake flights to Egypt and India, and if the Dominions Governments provide the necessary mooring masts and refuelling stations demonstration flights to the Dominions will also take place as early as possible.—*British Wireless.*

## FRENCH TRADE.

Paris, Nov. 17.  
The October French exports were 6,103 million francs and imports 5,106 million.—*Havas.*

## NATHAN ROAD.

NEW PORTION OPENED  
YESTERDAY.

The difficult turning in Nathan Road, just beyond the Po Hing Theatre, has always had to be negotiated with great care by motorists, and during the rainy weather the corner has been very dangerous, while the narrowness of that particular part of the thoroughfare has also been of inconvenience to vehicular traffic.

It is therefore a great relief to drivers that the corner has been eliminated by the roadway being straightened. Work had been going on for a considerable time, but the hillside presented the authorities with no easy task. With a large portion of the hill removed it has been possible to construct a road joining the two parts of Nathan Road, thus making Kowloon's main thoroughfare a straight road of some two miles in length. The new portion was opened to traffic for the first time yesterday afternoon, when the old section was closed.

It will be remembered that Coronation was the name of the continuation of Nathan Road north of Waterloo Road, and was recently declared to be disused. The whole highway is now known as Nathan Road.

The new thoroughfare into Nathan Road from Gascoigne Road, also nearing completion, will be opened to traffic shortly.

## RECOGNITION?

A FINANCIER'S ADVICE.

London, Nov. 17.

In an article in the *Financial News* on the Chinese crisis, Mr. Hilton Young says the establishment of the rule of Southern Nationalists throughout China, which recent events have made by no means improbable, would result in a vast area inhabited by nearly one fifth of the world's population erecting between itself and the rest of the world the same impenetrable barrier of suspicion, distrust and dislike at present isolating Russia, and thus the basis of credit would be destroyed and international trade would languish.

He says that recent events in Java show how infectious Moscow's propaganda is among an ignorant Oriental population, and opines that Britain's best policy is to approach the Canton Government, giving it some qualified form of recognition, and seek to guide it away from the path of repudiation, so ruinous to China herself.—*Reuter.*

## SINGAPORE DOCK.

TRANSPORTED IN SECTIONS.

London, Nov. 17.

The *Daily Telegraph* states that the Admiralty has concluded that the new Singapore dock should be conveyed in sections to Singapore where it will be assembled. It was estimated at one time that nearly three years be required for the completion of the work, but there is reason to believe now that a shorter period will suffice.—*Reuter.*



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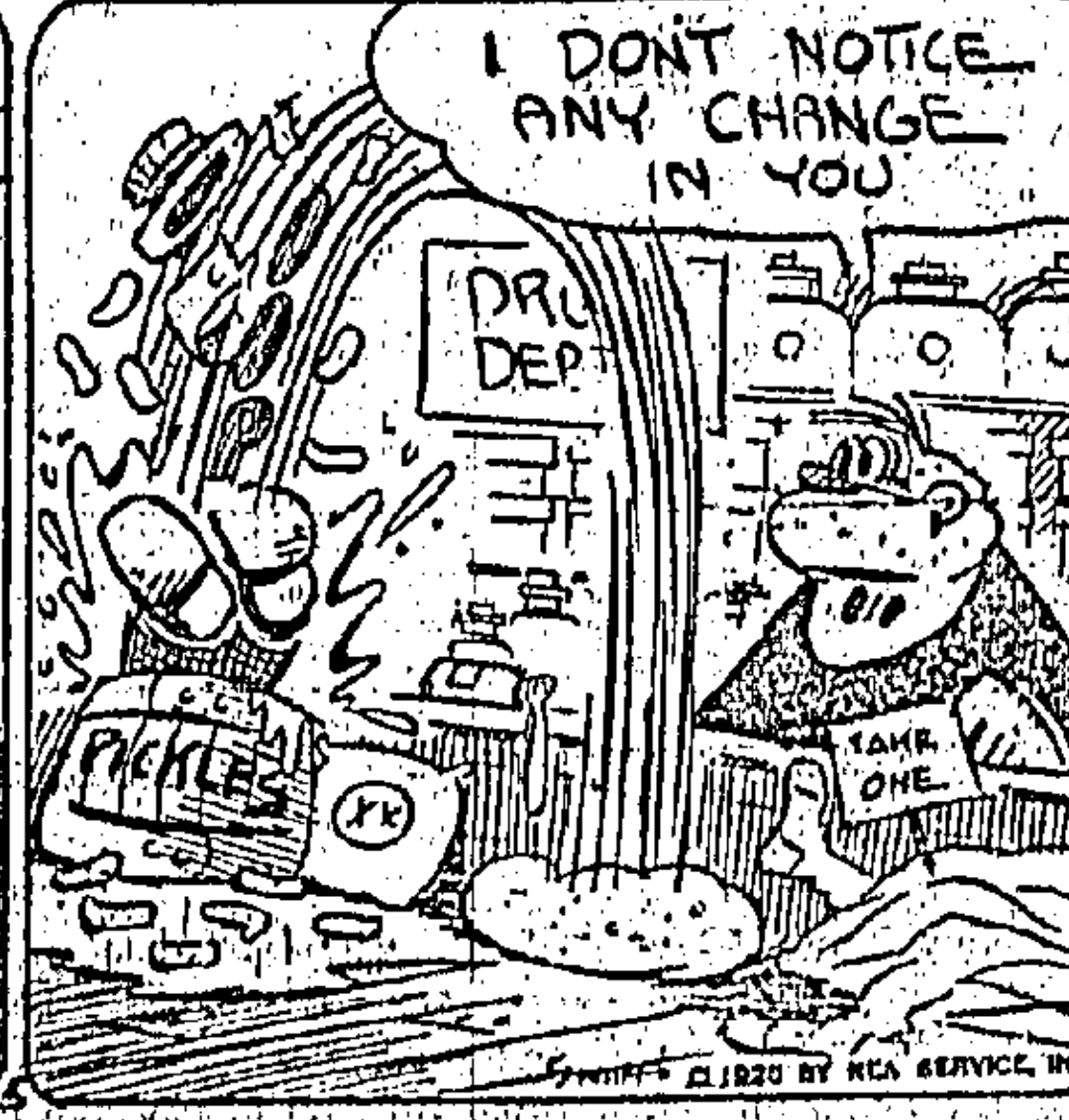
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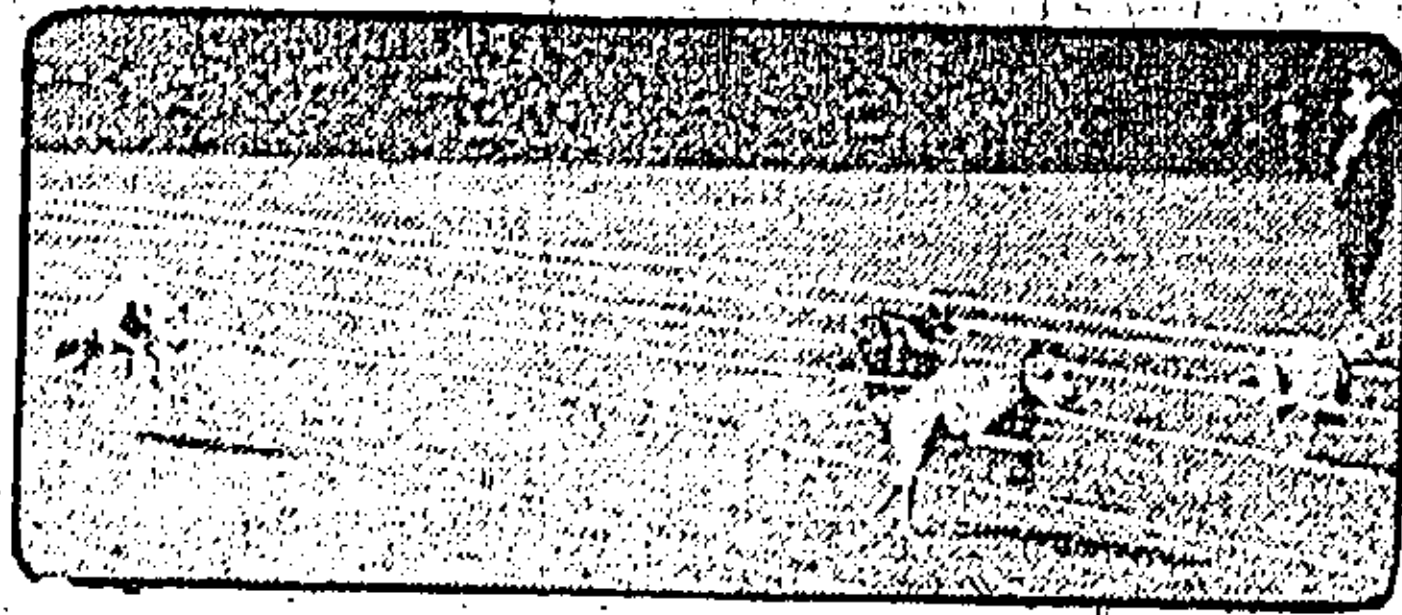
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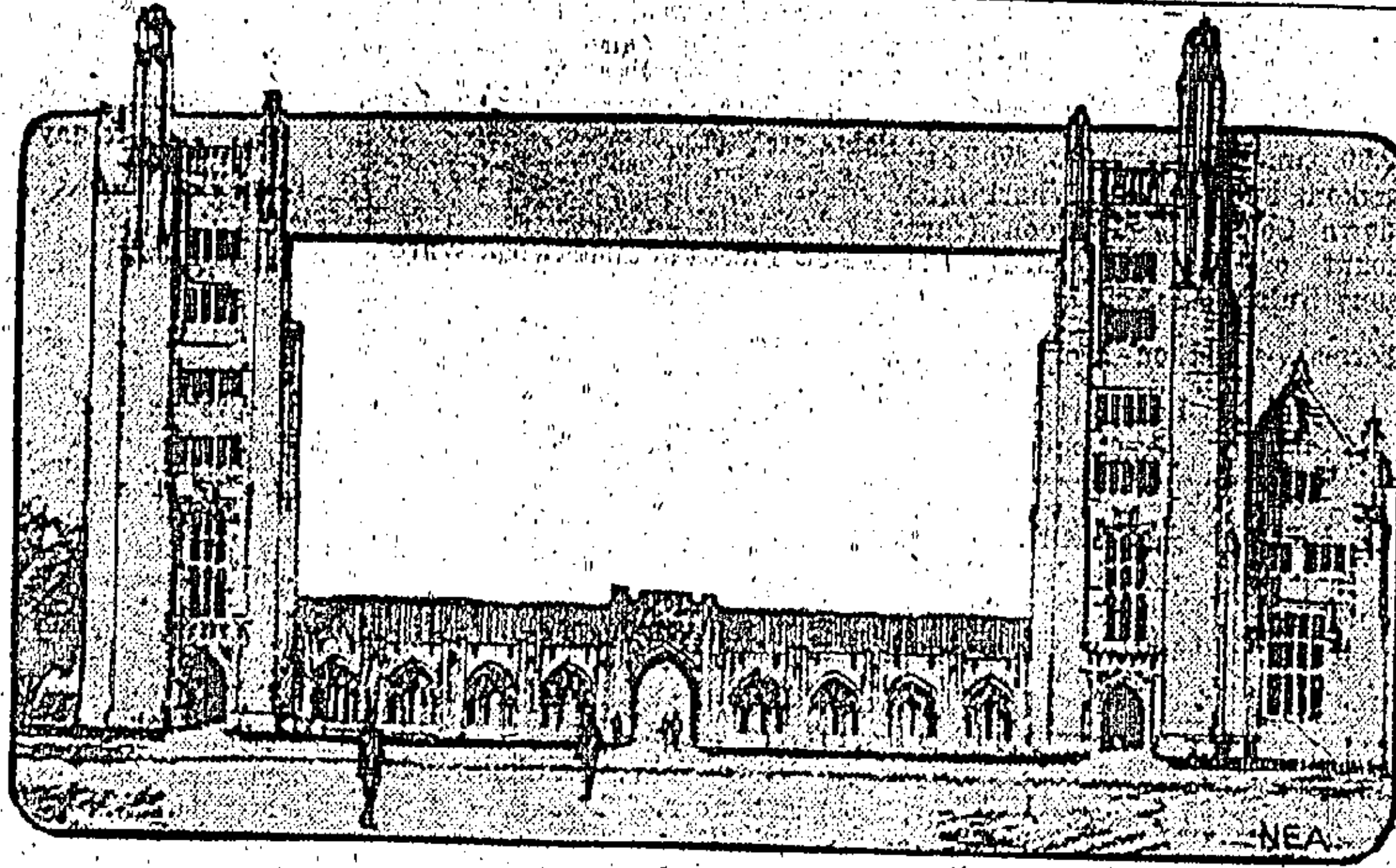




**FASTEST ANIMAL-ALIVE.**—The little grey whippet, all legs and lungs, is said to be the fastest animal that lives. Here is Margaret Gilligan holding "Nylzha" and below, the race that made her a champion at Prides Crossing, U. S. A.



**TO FIGHT DISEASES.**—Mexico and the United States are co-operating seriously in the fight against the invasion of foreign livestock diseases. For this task both countries have assigned the special committee shown here. Left to right they are: Dr. D. O. Borumen, Dr. Jose Figueroa and Dr. Antonio Castro-Leal of Mexico; R. W. Flourney, Jr., Dr. A. W. Miller and Dr. John R. Mohler of the United States. Dr. Mohler is chief of the Bureau of Animal Industry of the Department of Agriculture.



**MEMORIAL TOWERS.**—These memorial towers, connected by a cloistered colonnade, will be erected on the campus of Cornell University at Ithaca, New York, as a memorial to the 230 Cornell men who were killed during the World War. The cloister will contain memorial tablets to each of the dead heroes.



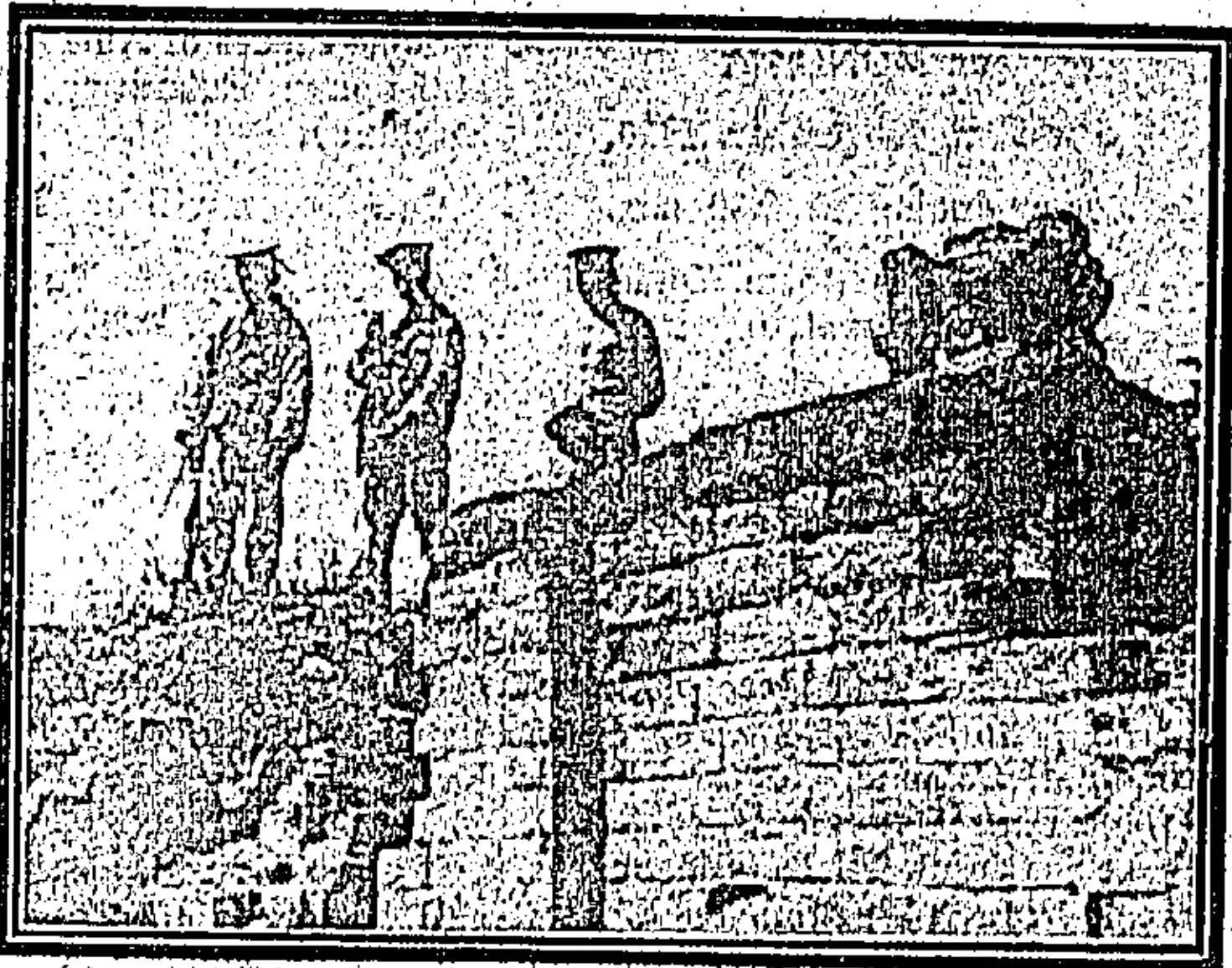
**LABOUR ORATOR.**—Miss Isabel MacDonald, daughter of the former Labourite Premier has started a campaign for a seat in Parliament. Already she is one of the foremost orators and labour leaders among the women of England.



**RICH NUN.**—Eleanor Patterson, daughter of Joseph Medill Patterson, Chicago newspaper publisher, has been described as "the millionaire nun" by German theatre goers, for whom she is playing the Madonna in "The Miracle." Miss Patterson arrived at Salzburg with two limousines, 34 trunks and a train of servants, and took an 8-room suite at the hotel.



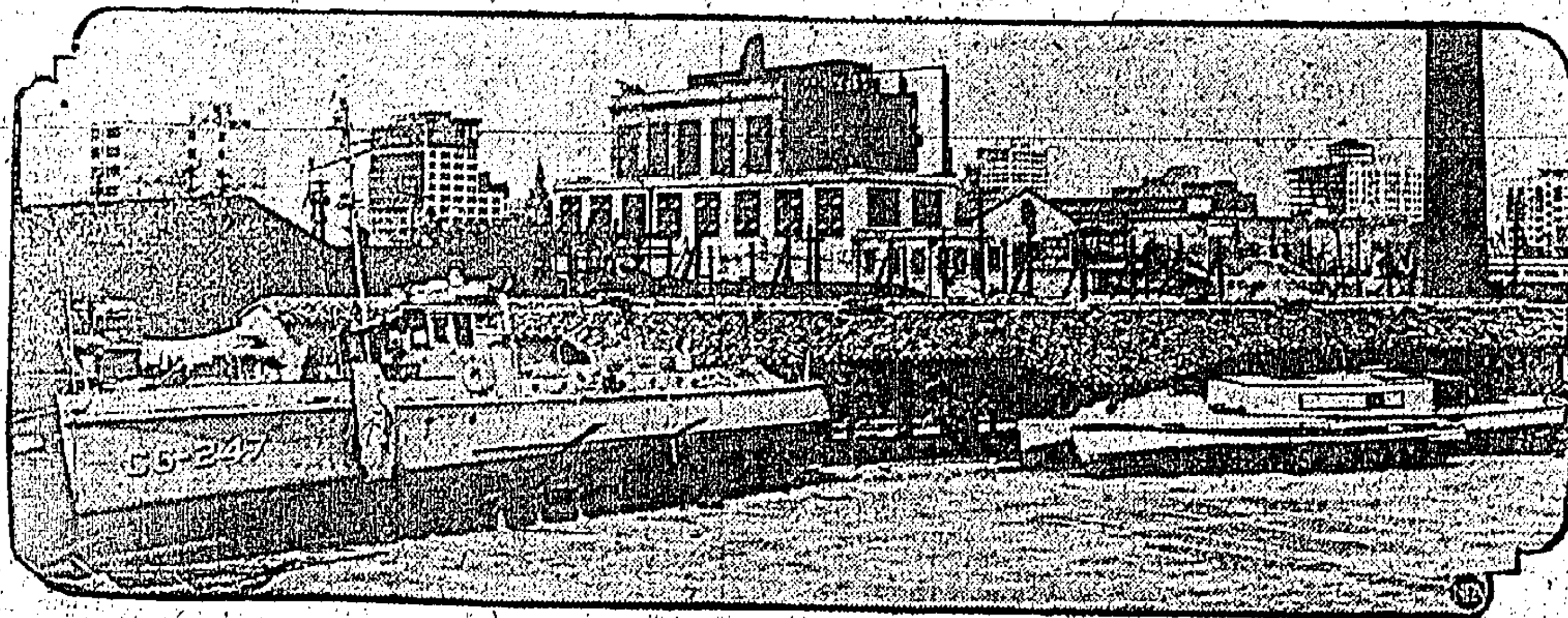
**OIL REFINERY SUBMERGED.**—This picture shows how an oil refinery looks when unrefined flood waters creep over it. The plant is that of the A.C. Refinery at Arkansas City. The turbulent Arkansas and Walnut rivers submerged it during the last outburst of the Kansas elements.



**GUARDING THE WALLS.**—Kiangsi sentinels guarding the city walls of Nanchang during the recent fighting round that city.



**THEOSOPHIST LEADER.**—A recent picture of Mrs. Annie Besant, founder of the Theosophist movement.



**HIGH AND DRY.**—Side by side, a coast guard rum chaser and at the back of it a bootlegger's boat, tossed up by the hurricane on the banks of the Miami river. They are high and dry here in the open space of the Miami public market place.

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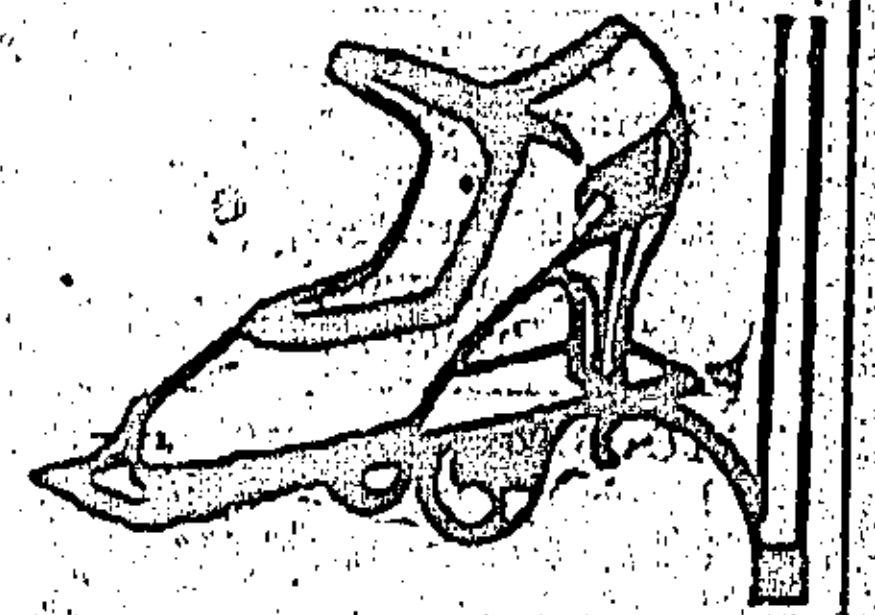
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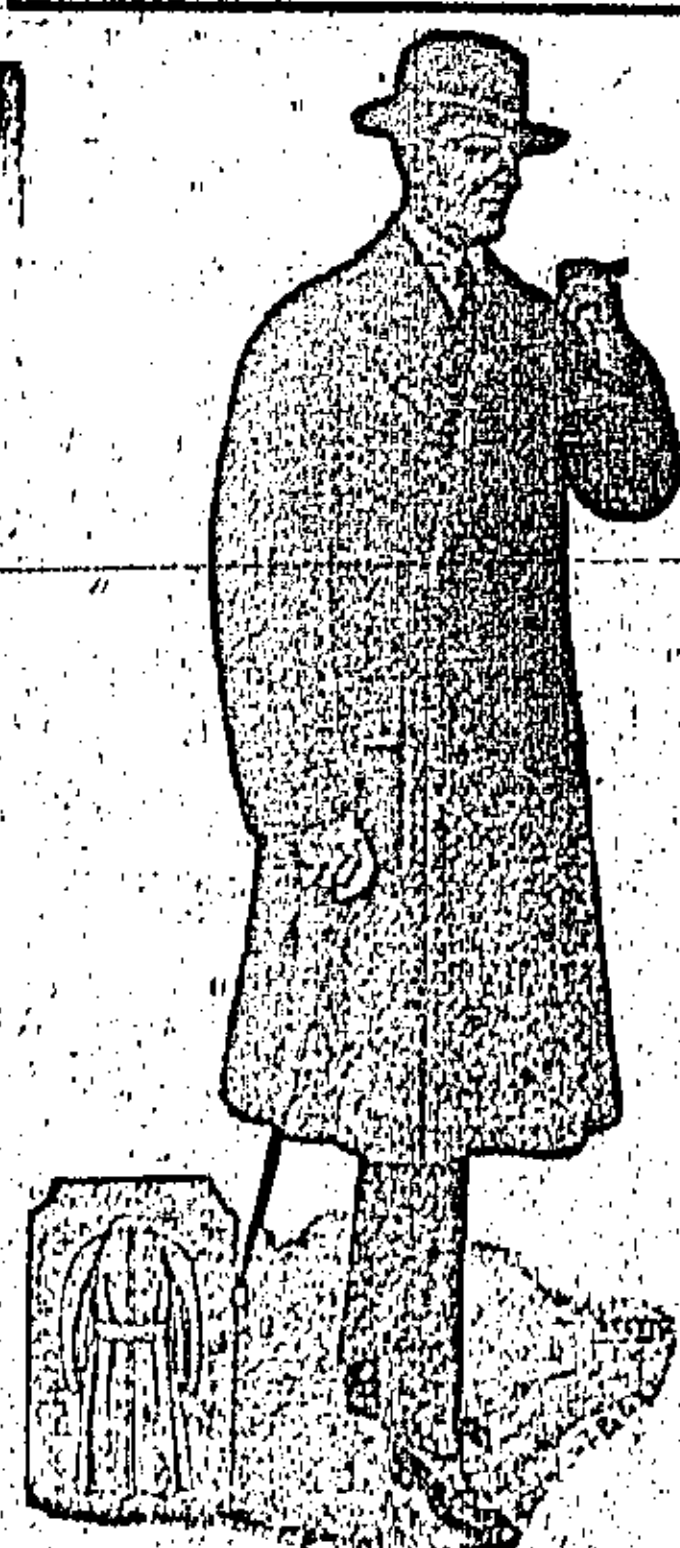
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the business of LEE KEE of No. 21, Wellington Street, carried on by Lee Yu Cheung as Executor of Lee Kee's deceased is being wound up in accordance with the arrangement made for the division of the estate of the said Lee Kee deceased amongst the persons entitled thereto.

LEE YU CHEUNG.  
Hongkong, 16th Nov., 1926.

#### NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that I, the undersigned have this day commenced business as Sanitary Engineer and dealer in Sanitary Appliances, building materials and builders' hardware under the name of LEE YU KEE, at No. 40, Queen's Road Central, opposite the Queen's Theatre.

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### DOUBLE DISASTER.

#### COLLISION BETWEEN EXPRESS AND MOTOR CAR.

Portland, Tennessee, Nov. 17. Seven persons were killed and 25 injured following a collision between an express train and motor car at a level crossing near Hendersonville.

The train was derailed. Two were killed and six injured as a result of the actual collision, and two cars containing breakdown gangs racing to the scene collided and five were killed and 19 injured. Six others are not expected to recover.—*Reuter's American Service.*

### DISASTROUS GALE.

#### EASTERN AMERICAN STATES AFFECTED.

New York, Nov. 17. A seventy-nine mile an hour gale, accompanied by heavy rain, swept the Eastern states and considerably damaged shipping, unroofed buildings, flooded mines, crippled transport and interrupted telegraphic and cable communications. All the rivers in East Pennsylvania and West Virginia overflowed their banks and bridges were swept away, but up to the present no fatalities are reported. Casualties.

Later. Two were killed and 5 injured as the result of the gale which swept the city yesterday.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Official returns show that the aggregate value of the seaborne trade of Burma during the past official year was 123 crores of rupees (292,250,000), being an increase of 12 per cent. compared with the previous year, and of 60 per cent. compared with the official year 1913-14.

## LAMMERT'S AUCTIONS

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on Friday, the 19th Nov., 1926 at 11 a.m. at Godown No. 12, The China Provident Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd., West Point (for account of the concerned) 69 Bags Saigon Rice—more or less damaged.

Term:—Cash on Delivery.  
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on Friday, the 19th Nov. 1926, at 2.30 p.m. at Godown No. 47, The Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon (for account of the concerned) 12 Drums Sulphuric Acid

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Lammert Bros., Auctioneers.

### PUBLIC AUCTION.

The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

on FRIDAY, the 19th November, 1926, at 12 Noon.

at their Sales Room, Duddell Street.

(for account of the concerned.)

The Steamship "YUET ON,"

as she now lies wrecked on Cheung Chau Island (between Peng-chau and Kiu-i-chau with all Gear and Appurtenances that may be on board.

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The Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction

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A Quantity of Valuable Household Furniture,

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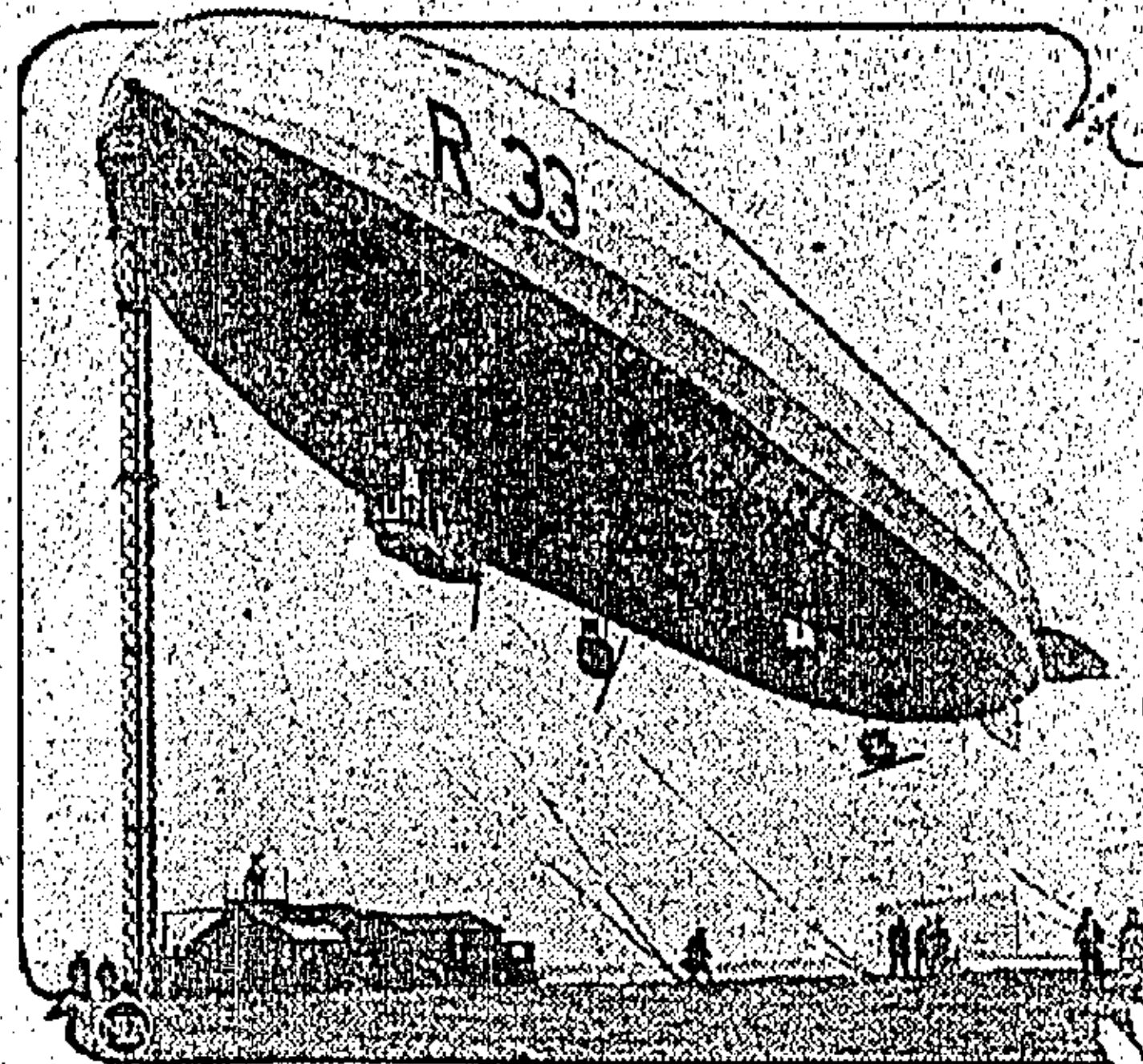
Catalogues will be issued. On View from Tuesday, the 23rd November, 1926.

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It is reported in Teheran that Colonel Fuleh-Din, Major Rohollah Khan, and other persons, have been shot by order of the Shah of Persia for having conspired to assassinate his Majesty and the Vahid, together with some high officials and members of the Majlis.

### TO BE SCRAPPED.



Above is the British ship R.33, which, according to to-day's cables, is shortly to be scrapped.

## POST OFFICE NOTICE.

XMAS LETTER MAIL FOR THE UNITED KINGDOM  
Xmas Letter Mail for the United Kingdom will be closed in the G. P. O. at 5 p.m. the 20th inst. per s.s. Katori Maru. This mail is due in London on the 21st December.

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### INWARD MAILS.

| From   | Per               | Due          |
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| Shanghai and Europe via Siberia                                | Wray Castle       | November 18. |
| Shanghai   | Kanchow           | November 18. |
| Australia and Manila   | Tango Maru        | November 18. |
| Manila   | Pros. Pierce      | November 19. |
| Japan and Shanghai   | Katori Maru       | November 20. |
| Japan  | Anjo Maru         | November 20. |
| Shanghai   | Soochow           | November 20. |
| Europe via Negapatam (Letters and papers, London 21st October) | Pheonius          | November 21. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai                           | Siberia Maru      | November 22. |
| Straits  | Khiva             | November 22. |
| Manila   | Pres. Madison     | November 22. |
| Japan  | Mishima Maru      | November 23. |
| Japan and Shanghai   | Chambard          | November 23. |
| U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai                           | President Taft    | November 25. |
| Shanghai   | Karmala           | November 26. |
| U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai                             | President Jackson | November 27. |
| Straits  | Suwa Maru         | November 28. |

### OUTWARD MAILS.

| For   | Per                             | Date                     |
|---|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Bangkok   | Chinhua                         | Thurs., Nov. 18, 5 p.m.  |
| Swatow, *Amoy and Formosa   | Kotsu Maru                      | Thurs., Nov. 18, 5 p.m.  |
| Amoy  | Lalsang                         | Thurs., Nov. 18, 5 p.m.  |
| Hoihow and Haiphong   | Mingsang                        | Fri., Nov. 19, 8.30 a.m. |
| Shanghai  | Gentara                         | Fri., Nov. 19, 8.30 a.m. |
| Japan   | Tango Maru                      | Fri., Nov. 19, 8.30 a.m. |
| Swatow, Amoy and Foochow  | Hailong                         | Fri., Nov. 19, Noon      |
| Wohaiwei  | Kueichow                        | Fri., Nov. 19, 5 p.m.    |
| Amoy  | Kiangchow                       | Sat., Nov. 20, 2.30 p.m. |
| Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. and S. Africa, Aden, Egypt, and Europe via Marseilles | Katori Maru                     | Sat., Nov. 20.           |
|   | Registration                    | 4.15 p.m.                |
|   | Letters                         | 5 p.m.                   |
|   | (Due Marseilles 19th December). |                          |

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### DISARMAMENT.

(Continued From Page 1.)

achieved by commissions and sub-commissions up to now were that an attitude of goodwill had been shown by everyone. The discussions had shown quite clearly that disarmament was a practicable thing. But it was clear that they must not be in a hurry. It had been shown that the problem of disarmament, could be solved if sufficient preparation were made before any Disarmament Conference. He believed that international conferences succeeded in direct proportion to the amount of preparation which preceded them. With regard to bringing forward concrete proposals, each country would have to say what it wanted, and it would then be for the preparatory commission, in the first place, and a conference in the second place, to formulate a definite scheme, basing themselves primarily on the demands of the various countries. Therefore this country would certainly have to make definite and concrete proposals as to armaments which it regarded as essential within the meaning of Article Eight of the Treaty.—*British Wireless.*

### SOME DIFFICULTIES.

London, Nov. 17. In the House of Lords, Lord Parmoor and the Earl of Oxford expatiated on the desirability of an early assembling of an international Disarmament Conference.

Viscount Cecil, replying on behalf of the Government, agreed that the delay in disarmament was unfortunate but inevitable. The greatest progress, however, had been made last year and we were now discussing, not whether disarmament could be effected, but how.

Viscount Cecil entirely concurred with Lord Oxford that chemical and bacteriological weapons and submarines should be eliminated from warfare, but in view of the fact that chemicals were easily made and distributed, it was doubtful whether the regulations would be complied with. A start should be made with the peacetime armies. The whole experiment must, however, proceed on the basis of good faith. If after a Treaty were signed a signatory was discovered infringing, some form of control and examination would be introduced. He regretted that he could not formulate concrete proposals for disarmament on behalf of Britain, but thought the procedure should be that each country should say what it wanted, and on this the Disarmament Conference could base discussions and formulate a scheme.

Viscount Cecil was sanguine regarding the prospects of success of a conference and believed that success or failure would mean the success or failure of the League of Nations and the endurance or disappearance of civilisation.—*Reuter.*

### GERMAN VIOLATION?

Rugby, Nov. 17. In the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain was asked whether, seeing that the German Government had constructed fortified works at Königsberg and Kuestrin which violated Article 180 of the Treaty of Versailles, any remonstrance had been made to Germany on the subject. He replied that the matter was at present under the consideration of the Allied Governments.—*British Wireless.*

It was stated at the inquest on Jacobus Pieter Bastiaans, 68, a Dutchman, who was gassed in a Bayswater hotel, that since the war he had lost practically the whole of his fortune of £100,000.

Norwich Chamber of Commerce is starting a campaign to promote public efficiency and check the increase in the rates, which are now 21s. in the £.

After sailing nearly 2,000,000 miles, Dr. A. W. Mackenzie, senior surgeon of the Cunard Line, is retiring.

A six-days-old Bath child has been saved by blood transfused from its father.

Three Spanish civilian residents of Tetuan, returning to that town from an afternoon's shooting in the environs, were attacked and murdered close to the walls of the town by a band of Jabala tribesmen whose object, doubtless, was to obtain possession of their shot guns.



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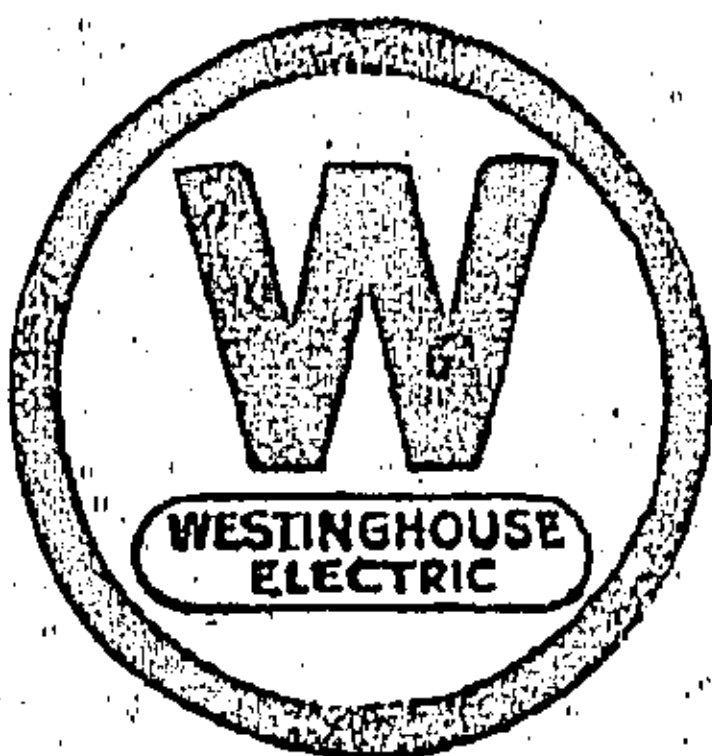
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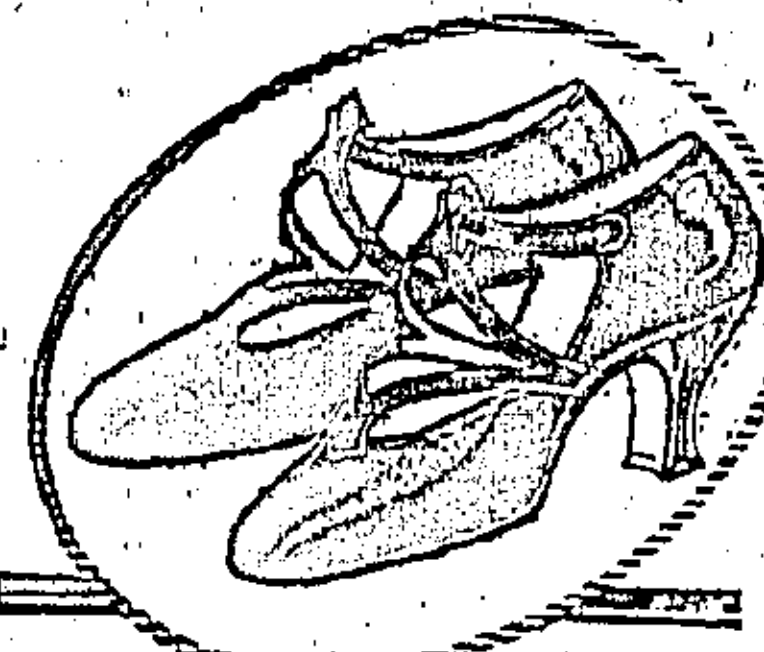
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## AUSTRALIA'S DEBT.

A TOTAL TO DATE OF  
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Rugby, Nov. 17.  
In a speech on the financial  
policy of Australia, last night, Mr.  
Stanley Bruce, the Australian Pre-  
mier, gave striking figures regard-  
ing the progress and method of  
debt redemption in his country.  
He stated that the total debt of  
Australia amounted to £978,000,000,  
all of which was funded, and that  
£305,000,000 of this total re-  
presented war debt, which was the  
only great non-productive debt of  
Australia. The balance of £673-  
000,000 had been expended in the  
creation of valuable assets which  
were to-day fully repaying, and  
Australia bore every penny of  
the cost of her war efforts, and in  
doing so incurred a debt to Great  
Britain for munitions and other  
expenses of about £92,000,000.  
This debt Australia funded, and  
made provision to repay, before  
any other nation had recognised  
its obligations for assistance by  
its Allies during the War. In 1901  
only 14 per cent. of the Australian  
public debt was owed to Australia-  
lians, but in 1925 it was 51 per  
cent, this indicating the Australia-  
lians' growing financial indepen-  
dence.—British Wireless.

## LADY ROBBED.

SHANGHAI RICKSHA  
COOLIE'S HAUL.

(Our Own Correspondent.)

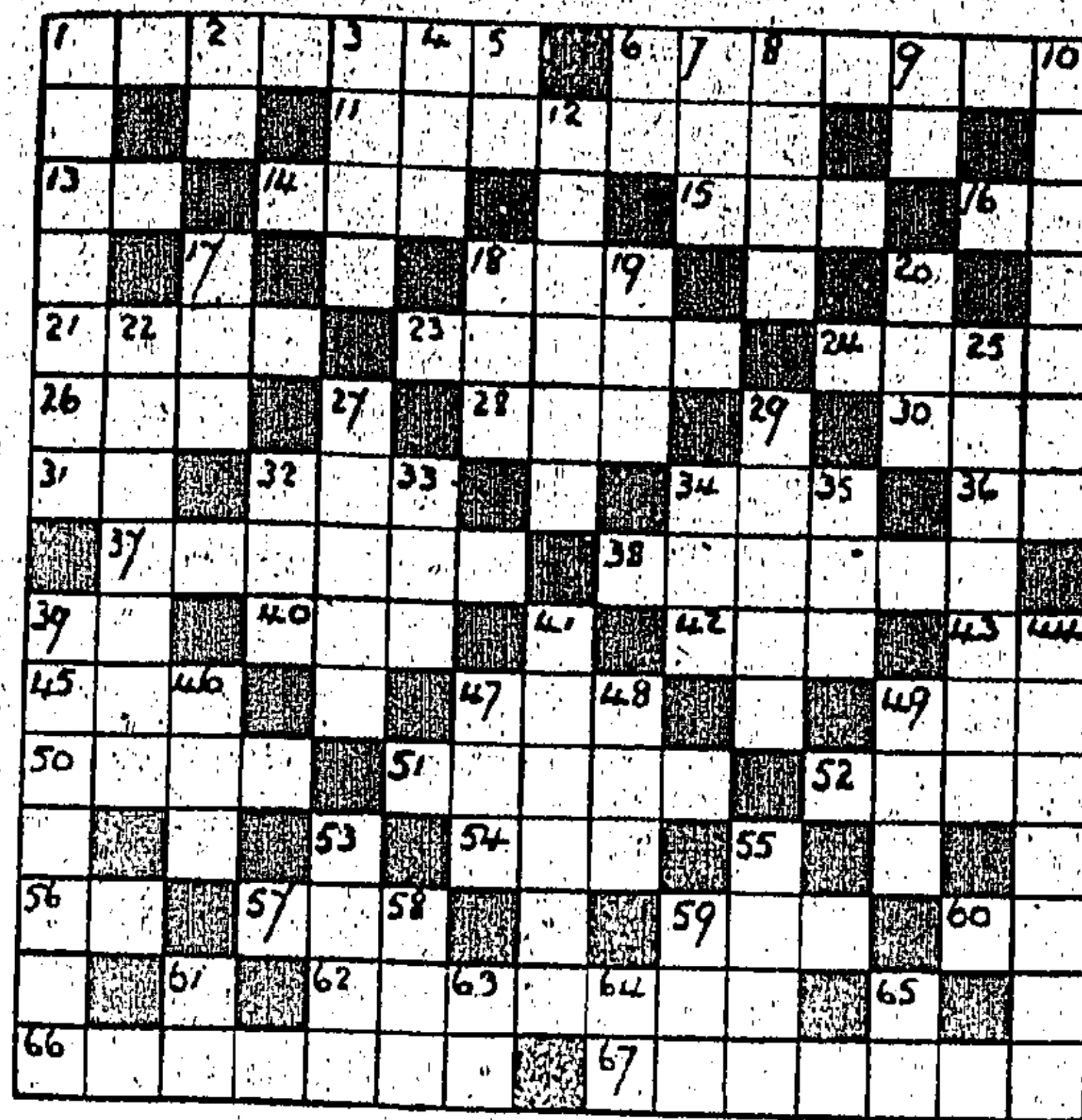
Shanghai, Nov. 17.  
Miss Victoria Elliott, a student  
of the University of Arizona, ac-  
companied the feminine student  
contingent in the round-the-world  
university cruiser Ryndam, re-  
turning to the vessel after a shop-  
ping trip, was the victim of an  
encounter with a ricksha coolie,  
who robbed her of \$200 at the  
pier.  
She escaped to the ship un-  
harmful.

## BELGIUM'S CASE.

QUESTION OF REFERENCE TO  
THE HAGUE.

Peking, Nov. 17.  
The Foreign Office hitherto has  
not replied to the Belgian Legation  
concerning the proposal to submit  
the question of treaty abrogation to  
the League, but certain Chinese and  
foreign papers to-day state that pre-  
parations are being made for an  
anti-Belgian boycott if Belgium does  
so.—Reuter.

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1 Administered.  
6 Intellectually.  
12 Awakened.  
13 Perform.  
14 A leverage.  
15 A cunning device.  
16 Personal pronoun.  
18 A receptacle.  
21 An external angle.  
23 Hardened juices of pines.  
24 Expired.  
28 Part of verb "to be".  
29 Head (slang).  
30 Point of Compass.  
31 Sixth note of scale.  
32 Used for propelling a boat.  
34 Used for cricket.  
36 Before.  
37 Exchange.  
38 A person who makes a vain  
display of his learning.  
39 Greek letter.  
40 Cough.  
42 A number.  
43 Pronoun.  
45 A rodent.  
47 A friend.  
49 Pronoun.  
50 A burden.  
51 Cultivated vetch.  
52 Mud.  
54 A bird.  
55 Part of verb "to be".  
57 Sticky substance.  
59 Rusted.  
60 Pronoun.  
62 Act of forming anew.  
65 Lift up.  
67 Voter.

Down.

1 Pertaining to medicine.  
2 Negative.  
3 A hurricane.  
4 Before.  
5 Perform.  
6 Exists.  
7 Animal's lair.  
8 A paradise.

9 Look.  
10 Giver.  
12 Harmony.  
17 A number.  
18 Boy's name.  
19 Used for writing.  
20 A mound.  
22 Eastern race.  
23 Not the same.  
25 To provide food.  
27 Loaded.  
32 A spherical body.  
33 A colour.  
34 Wager.  
35 A colour.  
39 An outline.  
41 Pertaining to the sea.  
44 One who builds.  
46 A task.  
47 Hit lightly.  
48 Permit.  
49 Struck.  
53 Air.  
55 A valley.  
58 Encountered.  
59 Indian tree.  
61 To have existence.  
62 Point of compass.  
64 You and I.  
65 Denotes nearness.

Yesterday's Puzzle.

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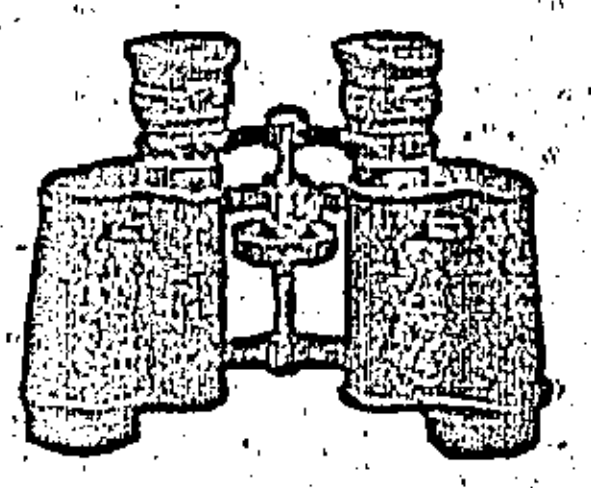
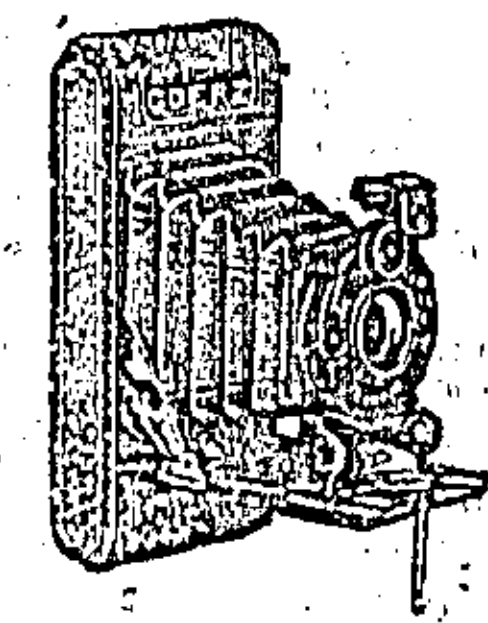
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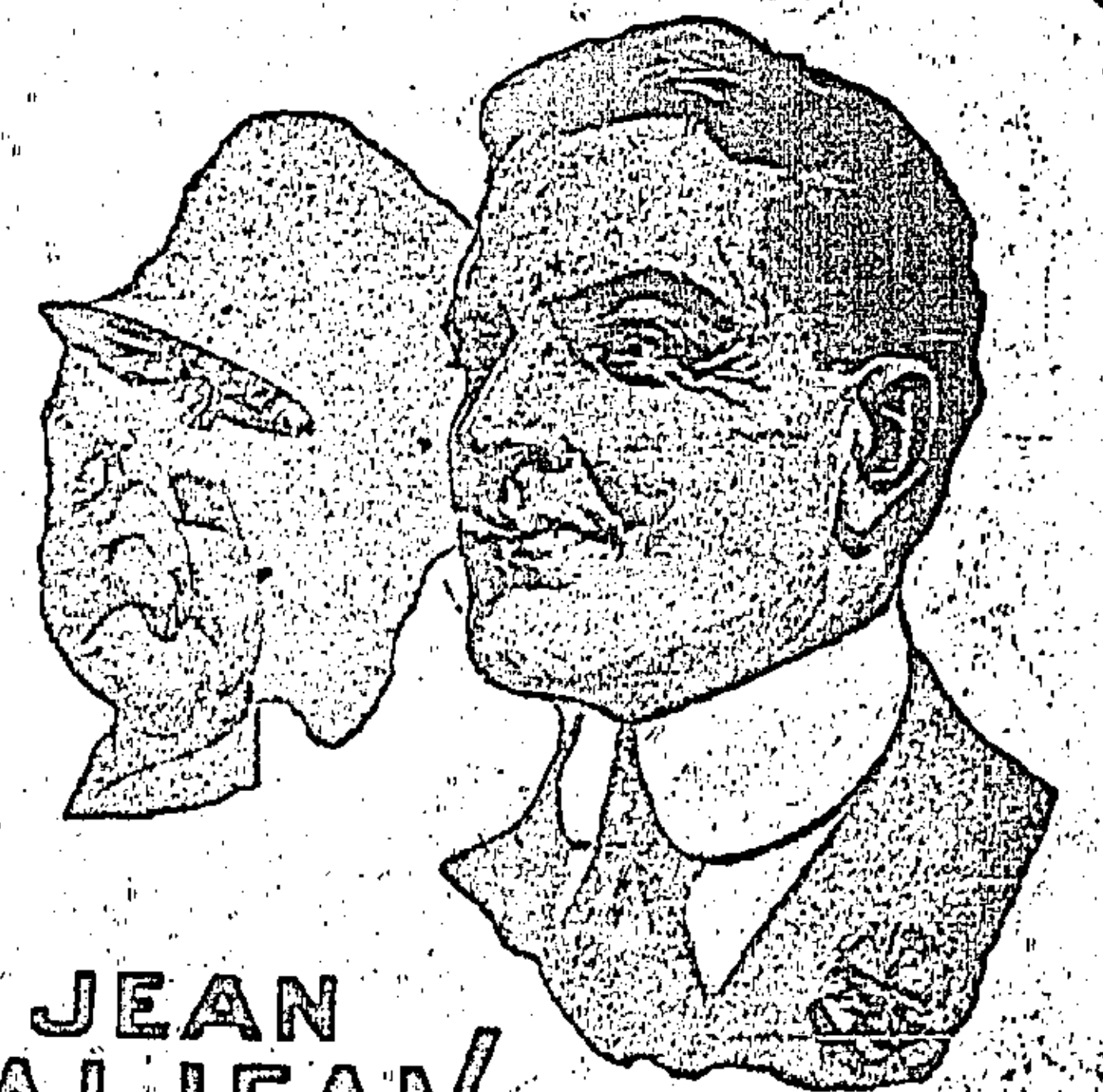
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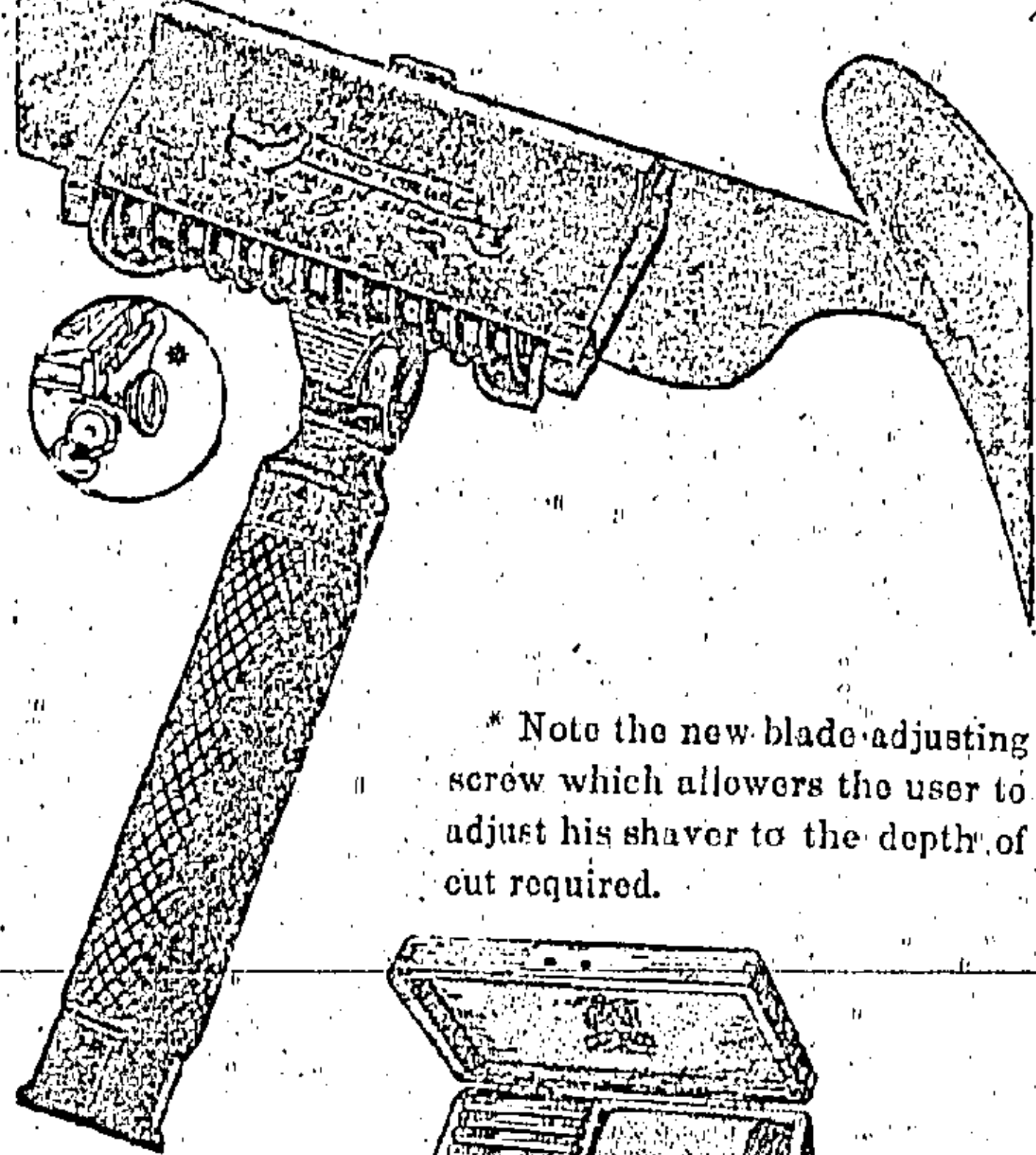
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## THE SEA EPIC.

The story of the gallant and successful fight which the officers and engineers of the s.s. Sunning put up to regain control of the ship after the bridge and engine-room had been seized by a big gang of pirates will live long in memory as one of those epics of the sea which demonstrate the stern stuff of which the men of the British Mercantile Marine are made. It is the outstanding feature of the whole affair and by this time will have become known in all parts of the globe, for the tale of the intrepidity and heroism of those who regained control and then hung on grimly to the post of duty, in the face of overwhelming odds and danger from fire, has been flashed by cable to all the big news distributing centres of the world.

One point which is emphasised by the magnificent fight put up is that ship's officers and engineers on the China Coast do not need to be placed under a bond to "defend to the last." Not only do their instincts as British mariners impel them to such a course of conduct, but, with the enemy in possession, they are prepared to dispute his hold and even to carry the battle into the opposing camp. For their bravery and determination the officers and engineers of the Sunning are to be highly praised, but they have an even greater satisfaction than the knowledge of public appreciation—namely, that in a time of great stress and danger they responded gamely to the call of duty. With the pirates in control both of the bridge and the engine-room, the captain and his men never gave up hope. Although hopelessly outnumbered, they determined to embark on a "do or die" fight, and, nothing daunted, they regained possession of the bridge and kept the pirate hordes at bay all night long. It can well be imagined what an anxious time the defenders spent, especially after the cowardly pirate ruffians, baulked in their efforts, set fire to the ship. But the little party held on to the end, and with the coming of dawn they had the comforting knowledge that they had gained the victory. It was an unfortunate circumstance that the Chief Engineer should have been wounded by the defending party, but there will be general gratification at the fact that his injuries were not of a fatal character. The

whole community in Hongkong, and in other centres as well, will join in expressing pride and satisfaction over the way in which the gallant little band of defenders saved the ship and her cargo when the situation looked as black as it possibly could. Furthermore, the part which the Navy played in rendering aid and in tracking down some of the pirates is also borne in mind, and it is comforting to know that so many of the gang of outlaws have been taken into custody. On the question of piracy prevention, which this incident will no doubt again raise, we can at the moment withhold comment. Our immediate concern is to pay honour to whom honour is so fully due.

## The Interport.

If there are any keen local cricketers who believe in superstitious they will say that Hongkong's defeat this year was inevitable—the match was started on the 13th., and there had been 13 wins previously for Hongkong, which was, therefore, on the notoriously unlucky "Jews" numbers. Out of the 26 Interport cricket matches so far played, between these two old rival ports, Hongkong has now won 13, and Shanghai won 12 and there has been one match left undrawn. Of course, everyone will have his pet explanation as to why Hongkong lost, or how they could have won, but the fact remains that the match provided one of the most thrilling finishes seen in Interport cricket for years. At times, it had been boringly slow, especially on Tuesday afternoon when Hongkong gave an exhibition of spiritless batting. The rain of Sunday and Monday had made the wicket a difficult one and the pitch was not a very good one towards the closing stages of the fight. The bowling on both sides was generally superior to the batting, every ball having to be carefully played. Only in the first innings did one see any "letting out" and this was done by the veteran of each side—T. E. Pearce for Hongkong and Capt. E. L. M. Barrett for Shanghai. Both of whom performed in a manner which went to lend colour to an old greybeard's grumble that "the young 'uns aren't as good as the old 'uns." But let it be recorded (for it is worth recording) that the cricket generally was of a high standard—at any rate, the teams were very evenly matched. Shanghai has won by the narrowest of margins, and will take back with them to Shanghai the congratulations of us all. And when we next send a team to Shanghai, here's to giving these Shanghaianders a pretty hot run for their money!

## PRESENT TO COOLIDGE.

## OIL PAINTING OF THE AMERICAN FLEET.

Washington, Nov. 17. A delegation from Australia has presented President Coolidge, on behalf of New South Wales, with an oil painting of the American fleet entering Sydney harbour. Sir Hugh Denison, the new Australian Commissioner was introduced to President Coolidge by Mr. Henry Chilton, Charge d'Affaires. Sir Hugh Denison stressed the importance of co-operation between Australia and the United States.—*Reuter's American Service.*

## BORAH'S LATEST.

## VIEWS ON THE TROUBLE IN CHINA.

Washington, Nov. 17. Senator Borah in the course of an address to Jewish women said the present turmoil in China furnished the acid test of the world peace programme. He opined the real trouble in China was nationalism coming into contact with imperialism. "Any nation which adopted a policy of forcible intervention there will become the assassin of justice in the Orient."—*Reuter's American Service.*

Mr. Justice S. J. Mitchell, Commissioner of Insolvency in Adelaide, South Australia, since 1918, has died at the age of 74. He was State Attorney-General in 1909, and later Government Resident and then Administrator and Judge of the Northern Territory of Australia.

## DAY BY DAY.

THE MORE THE MARBLE WASTES  
THE MORE THE STATUE GROWS.—  
*Michael Angelo.*

A Chinese case of typhoid fever was notified yesterday.

The local weather forecast up to noon to-morrow is:—North-east winds; fresh; fair.

The Empress of Canada, which left Hongkong on the 29th October, arrived at Vancouver on the 15th November.

A sailor was injured on board the Chinese steamer Wong Shek Kung on her return journey from Saigon to Hongkong.

The Colonial Secretary informs us that quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Sourabaya on account of plague.

During the twenty-four hours ending at nine o'clock this morning, four British ships arrived and two departed. The total number of ships in harbour was sixty-seven.

Mr. F. A. Crampton, of Canton Christian College, went north by the Shinyo Maru. Mrs. C. T. Wang was a passenger on the same boat; also Mr. N. B. Karanjia, Mr. J. M. Ramsay of Kowloon Dock, and Mr. E. Mackay.

The P. and O. Company are advised that the outward English mail steamer S.S. Malwa, due to arrive here on December 10th, left Marseilles 17 hours late owing to a strike, at the port. It is anticipated that she will make up this deficiency.

The new commander-in-chief of the China Station is expected to arrive in Hongkong by the P. & O. s.s. Morea early in January. Vice-Admiral Sir Reginald Tyrwhitt, K.C.B., is to leave London on December 3. He will be accompanied by Lady Tyrwhitt, the two Misses Tyrwhitt and their governess, and secretary.

Mrs. D. Steel, of the Kowloon Dock, made a report to the Police yesterday to the effect that during Tuesday afternoon she lost a double barred gold brooch, either in Kowloon or somewhere round the shopping centre of Hongkong. The brooch had some fancy work between the bars and was inset with a light topaz.

When Mr. Norman Leslie Denham, who swam the Channel on September 17, was entertained to dinner at Woolwich by a number of business men and friends, Sir Kingsley Wood, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Health, presented him with a cheque for £100.

In connection with the recent investiture by H. R. H. Prince George of H. E. the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) with the order of a Knight of Grace of St. John of Jerusalem, His Excellency has written as follows to the St. John Ambulance Brigade:—"I desire to express my appreciation of the splendid muster of the Hongkong Corps on parade on the day when H. R. H. Prince George decorated me. Prince George was much pleased with the bearing of the Corps on that occasion."

Two Chinese were taken into custody yesterday for disorderly conduct, and, when appearing before the Magistrate this morning, recommended the dispute in the Court. His Worship threatened to send them to gaol without further ado if they did not keep silent. After the facts of the case had been examined, Mr. Linsell bound over both the defendants, and, in so doing, said that he would have no hesitation in sending them to gaol if they appeared before him again.

## EXCHANGE RATES.

| Rugby, Nov. 17.  |           |
|------------------|-----------|
| Paris            | 140 3/4   |
| Brussels         | 34.89     |
| Amsterdam        | 12.13 1/4 |
| Berlin           | 20.45     |
| Copenhagen       | 18.20     |
| Vienna           | 24.40 1/2 |
| Helsingfors      | 192 1/2   |
| Lisbon           | 217/82    |
| Buenos Aires     | 45 11/16  |
| Shanghai         | 2/5 1/4   |
| Yokohama         | 2/0 1/4   |
| New York         | 48 5/8    |
| Ceylon           | 25 1/2    |
| Milan            | 114 1/2   |
| Stockholm        | 18.13     |
| Oslo             | 18.72 1/4 |
| Prague           | 108 1/4   |
| Madrid           | 31.82 1/4 |
| Rio              | 6.7/10    |
| Bombay           | 1/5 27/82 |
| Hongkong         | 2/0 1/4   |
| Silver (Spot)    | 25 1/2    |
| Silver (Forward) | 25 9/16   |

—*British Wireless.*

## IMPERIAL CONFERENCE.

### WORK BY COMMITTEES.

It now seems probable that the Imperial Conference will be brought to a close by the evening of Tuesday next.

Good progress has been made with the work before the committees of the Conference and most of them will have completed their tasks by the end of the week.

Several of the committees' reports will be considered at to-morrow's plenary session and these will include a report on the production and exhibition within the Empire of films of Empire origin, which was approved by the Economic Committee to-day.—*British Wireless.*

## INDIAN ELECTIONS.

### A SPECIALLY INTERESTING VOTE.

Delhi, Nov. 17. India is in the throes of a general election, which is specially interesting, as the Legislatures, being the last under the Reforms Act of 1919, will undoubtedly influence the Statutory Commission appointed to enquire into the working of reforms, to recommend whether it is desirable to establish the principle of responsible Government or to restrict the degree of responsible Government.

The results of the voting are so far only partial, but indicate that stable Ministries will be formed in all Provinces, except Madras, where the extreme Nationalists appear to have gained ground. The Swarajists' strength in the United Provinces and the Punjab is negligible. Thirteen Swarajists have already been returned to the Central Legislative Assembly, but, owing to the difficulty of their agreeing with other parties, it is anticipated that they will be unable to fulfil their programme of obstruction.—*Reuter.*

# The Very Idea!

Sir Harry Lauder has advertised again, by using a system supposed to be proof against advertising. England has a thriving industry called Monomarks, and the great Scotch singer has become a Monomarker. The idea is that one buys a secret cabalistic sign which can be printed into laundry, letters, pipes, walking sticks and any other kind of property. If lost and found by someone else, the finder returns the article to the Monomark headquarters for the owner. George Bernard Shaw and others have found the system useful for hiding their identities when they must sign some public document, such as a "want ad." But Sir Harry Lauder's Monomark has become known and seems destined to become famous. He evolved his own, which is BM/GOZL. But he insists, quiet surprised that anybody should misread it, that it only means "Go To Lauder."

I wish I were in Ireland—  
At home, or anywhere—  
Within a hill-girt valley.  
Or on a mountain bare;  
I'd travel hill and hollow,  
And I'd sail the ocean wide,  
To see the gold gorse burning  
Upon a green hill-side.

I would that I were going  
To where the blackbird's call  
Rings down the quiet valley.  
Beneath Cloun's waterfall;  
It's little I'd be heeding  
The lure of London Town,  
Could I hear the gay larks singing  
Above the mountains brown.

I wish I were in Ireland—  
At home, or anywhere—  
About the Glens of Antrim,  
Or on the Hills of Clare;  
No trouble I'd be knowing,  
And no grief might e'er betide,  
Could I see the gold gorse burning  
Upon a green hill-side.

Those who find Bank of England notes among the elusive things of man, ("I don't want any half-wits life will be cheered by the news that in this family!") And he escorted it is next to impossible for anybody to get hold of the blank paper on which they are printed. A recent police court case revealed that it is a felony even to attempt to do Teachers of Dancing has agreed to so, for the sufficient reason that a "Jeddes" version in which the peculiarities of the paper are a fact do not leave the ground. The main safeguard against forgery, its toughness and strength—a and the accentuated "on" beats are bank-note will usually stand a to be retained; the "foot twist" can direct pull equal to half a hundred-be retained or discarded at will. weight—are the result of special With the modifications the dance and secret processes carried out by is progressive and can be mixed trusted workmen at the Laverstoke with the walks and chausses of the mills in Hampshire. The qualities quick foxrot.

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## LOTTERY TICKETS.

### REWARD IF ESCAPED ARREST.

The extraordinary plea was given by a man at the Central Police Court this morning that lottery tickets found by the police in his possession were the subject of a wager entered into with a friend. This latter had given him the tickets at the same time that he made a wager to pay the defendant \$10 if he escaped arrest while he had the tickets on his person.

His Worship enquired how payment could be made effective if defendant had won his part of the wager.

Defendant replied that he was sure the man would look him up, although he did not know where the latter lived.

Mr. Lindsell observed that now the defendant would not only lose the \$10, but he would also have to pay a fine of \$50 to the Government.

Later his Worship reconsidered the position having regard to the possibility of the tickets being "planted" on the defendant by an informer seeking the police reward given in such cases.

The Chinese detective, who made the arrest, was cross-examined as to the story given by the informer. He, too, was not certain as to the whereabouts of the latter.

His Worship eventually held the case over for further enquiries. Sentence was suspended, while the defendant's bail was reduced.

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"I trust, dear, you will not think I am brutally frank when I remind you that you yawned four times while I was talking with you."

"I wasn't yawning; just trying to say something."

Mussolini's attempt to force a national dress on Italian women has given Paris dressmakers a good laugh. Poiret declares that Mussolini's designs show a greater regard for Roman history than for modern conditions. He asked a reporter to try to imagine a woman, garbed in the draperies of ancient Rome, getting into a subway.

H. G. Wells, has just written a new book. It is called "William Clissold." Clissold is a garrulous sort, saying what he jolly well pleases. Now comes the public complaining that what he jolly well pleases is very apt to be jolly well insulting to each and every good Britisher. Some even go so far as to say that the nasty remarks Clissold makes are not his at all, but belong to H. G. Wells. They don't like this remark; for instance, Clissold, speaking of His Majesty, the King, remarks—

"A worthy, conscientious and entirely unmeaning and uninteresting son of plump old Edward VII."

But Wells insists that he cannot help the frank speech of his friend, Mr. Clissold.

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## LABOUR TROUBLE IN CANTON.

## UNIONS ANGRY OVER ARSENAL LOCK-OUT.

## GENERAL STRIKE TALK.

Trouble has arisen in Canton over the lock-out of workers in the Arsenal, says our correspondent there, writing under date of yesterday.

It appears that a body named the Workers' Representative Conference, together with the All-China Labour Union and the Railway Workers' Union has been active urging the members of the Mechanics' Union to join hands with them in denouncing the Government for having locked out the Arsenal workers without giving them due notice.

Accordingly, on the 15th instant a number of workers representing the various Labour Unions, and including those of the Mechanics' Union, visited the Kuomintang Central Executive Committee building and demanded the immediate settlement of the Arsenal question. In the presence of several Kuomintang Committee members, including Mr. Chau Shu-yan, the Commissioner of Labour, the Labour delegates denounced the Government, accusing it of having oppressed the workers. They added that the action taken by the Government in dismissing the men without notice resembled the action of militarists and was not what they had expected from the Kuomintang.

The Labour Commissioner is stated to have replied in a conciliatory manner and added that he could not personally settle the question, but it would have to be referred to the Executive Committee.

The workers' representatives called a joint meeting on the following day, at which Kuomintang officials were present, but it is said that no decision was reached.

Certain of the workers claim that they have the power to dictate to the Government in the matter, and that if the question is not soon settled, a general strike will be called.

## NO COXSAIN.

## MOTOR BOAT MASTER HEAVILY FINED.

The master of a motor boat was severely censured by the Marine Magistrate, Lieut. Commr. Hale, at the Marine Court this morning, when he was charged with allowing his motor boat to be under way without a certificated coxswain on board.

It appeared that the boat was under way with an engineer but no coxswain, and his Worship asked whether a summons was going to be issued against the engineer. When he was informed that the defendant had taken all the responsibility upon himself, the Magistrate said both were responsible and directed that a summons be taken out against the engineer.

Speaking to the defendant, who admitted the charge, his Worship said some coxswains were dangerous enough to navigation after they had secured their certificates, and allowing a boat to be under way without one on board, was even more. It was an absolute danger to craft in harbour for a boat to go with somebody on board who knew nothing about navigation. It was the other people who ran the risk. He would impose a fine of \$50 or three weeks' hard labour.

## THIRD CONVICTION.

In another case, in which the defendant admitted two previous convictions, his Worship said his first fine was \$20, and his second \$25, but for the third offence, he was going to deal with the defendant fairly heavily. He would be fined \$50, and if another conviction were registered, the Harbour Master would consider the advisability of withdrawing the defendant's license.

The defendant was charged with failing to exhibit regulation lights.

## MINOR CASE.

For failing to observe the rule of the road, the master of a water boat was fined \$10, or ten days.

## RECENT TYPHOON.

## BODIES STILL BEING RECOVERED.

## MORE DAMAGE REPORTS.

Burning of dead bodies as they are recovered has been begun in Batangas, where more than 100 bodies have been found underneath the ruins left by the recent typhoon and flood, says the Manila Bulletin. Those which are being recovered now are unrecognizable, and sanitation and prevention of disease has become the paramount consideration.

More than 400 workers now make up the clean-up squad.

## COCONUTS HARD HIT.

Arrivals in the city from Tayabas report that damage there is heavy, although few lives have been lost. Fifty per cent. of the coconut crop was destroyed, and another 15 per cent. left on the trees, was badly damaged.

Hondagua was worst hit. All the shipping was destroyed, including a launch, from which the motor alone was salvaged. An American of 29 years experience in the Philippines stated that the storm at Hondagua was the worst he ever has experienced. There too the rainfall was comparatively light during the hours when the wind was at its height.

Red Cross workers in Laguna report that food still is needed. Fifty sacks of rice were sent up to Santa Cruz from Batangas and 60 went there by army truck from Manila.

The relief fund for Batangas and the other provinces damaged has been swollen by contribution of Pesos 150 from Lambert Sales Company. Both clothing and funds are sought by the Red Cross to be used in the storm swept area.

## FUND DRIVE GAINS.

The Red Cross drive for members was boosted when Miss Julia Hayes reported that the Deaf and Blind School was enrolled 100 per cent. In spite of the work the Red Cross is doing in Batangas, Laguna, Tayabas, and Cavite, the Tenth Roll Call is going on full force in Manila.

Lucena, Tayabas, is receiving and dispatching mails from and to Manila at least once a day. Mails from Manila to points south go to Laguianan. From Laguianan they may be sent by ship to Boac, Mindoro, or to Atimonan, Tayabas. Mails are able to reach the Bicol provinces from Manila, but with much difficulty.

The following cablegram has been received at the office of the Governor General, from the head of the bureau of insular affairs:

"The Secretary of War is deeply distressed at disaster to the good people of Batangas, Cavite, and Tayabas provinces. He is gratified to know of the initiative and co-operation of the agencies able to be of assistance and of the people and congratulates them upon the way they have met the crisis."

## RICE SHIPMENT URGED.

Immediate shipment of rice to the regions hit by the last typhoon is urged by Senate President Quezon who returned from a trip to Batangas and Tayabas. Food succour is not so badly needed in Batangas as it is in Tayabas, which is not a rice producing province, he said. He declared he will make arrangements with local inter-island shippers to have rice sent to coastal towns severely affected by the storm.

## BIG DAMAGE.

Thus far, according to Mr. Quezon, many of the towns on the Pacific and China coasts remain isolated. It is not therefore possible to make any exact estimate of the extent of damage and destruction to life and property. He reports that Tayabas has suffered greater losses to property and standing crops than Batangas. The damage done to the coconut plantations in Tayabas, he estimates at several million pesos.

The senate president is loud in his praise of the help rendered to the sufferers by the acting provincial governor of Batangas, Meynardo Farol, and the municipal presidents of Batangas and Bataan. He also praised the activities of the Red Cross in the stricken areas.

The masters of two launches were each fined \$25, or three weeks' hard labour, for leaving port during prohibited hours without a permit.

## PROGRESS OF CHINA WAR.

## INVASION OF ANHUI BEGINS!

## CHANG AND CHEKIANG.

A Chinese news agency reports that Fan Chung-sau, having returned to his headquarters from a visit to Wuchang, has reported that the Honan situation is well in hand and there is no fear of contingencies that may arise from the attitude of Wu Pei-fu's forces who are said to be infected with discontent and insubordination. The pay of the men has been in arrears since their defeat in the Wu Han cities, and with the propaganda work of the Nationalists the discontent is apparently increasing daily. This is really the cause of the delay in Wu Pei-fu's order to advance on Hankow. In consequence of this report, General Chang Kai-shek has ordered a general advance on Ankiu.

The previous report of certain units of the Nationalist armies having crossed the frontier and taken up certain points in Anhui is said to be confirmed. The forces are a part of the 8th Army Corps, a section of the 10th, and 12th. Division of the 4th Army Corps, some forces of the 6th Army Corps and the Independent Division of General Ho Yow-tai, of the Hupei unit. These forces are on the move from Su Sung and other points in co-operation with the Peoples' Army in Lu An, Hwo Shan, Ying Shan, Ho Fei, Shu Cheng and other places.

It is also stated that the former troops of Nee Chi-chung, ex-Tuchun of Anhui and those of Ma Luen-chia are likely to secede from the Allies. It is, moreover, stated that the two crack divisions of General Chang Kai-shek have been ordered to take up certain positions in Chekiang, where General Chang will declare the secession of his own province, in his name and on behalf of the people, from the Allies. General Tang Sung-che is in supreme command of the forces attacking Anhui, while Generals Chan Ming-shu and Chang Fat-kwei are ordered to fight their way through to the Anhui-Kiangsu frontier to take up positions on the western Tai Lake.

Another news agency reports that Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has had many military councils with his generals who are at variance with the Marshal's views and are urging amalgamation with the revolutionary cause.

## BRITAIN AND EGYPT.

## MUTUAL DESIRE TO CO-OPERATE.

Rugby, Nov. 17.

Sir Austen Chamberlain, Foreign Secretary, was asked in the House of Commons if he could make any statement regarding the policy of His Majesty's Government in Egypt arising from the conversations with the Egyptian Foreign Minister during his recent visit to this country. He replied that no decisions were taken or sought at the meeting. He had, however, taken the opportunity of assuring His Excellency of the British Government's desire to co-operate with the Egyptian Government and he had received His Excellency's assurances that the Egyptian Government shared in that desire.—British Wireless.

## OPIUM CONVENTION.

## SHOW PROCESS OF RATIFICATION.

London, Nov. 17.

Answering questions in the House of Commons, Sir Austen Chamberlain said that ratification of the International Opium Convention of 1925 had been deposited on behalf of the whole Empire, except Canada, and the Irish Free State. As far as the Government was aware, out of the other signatories only Sudan and Portugal had deposited ratifications.

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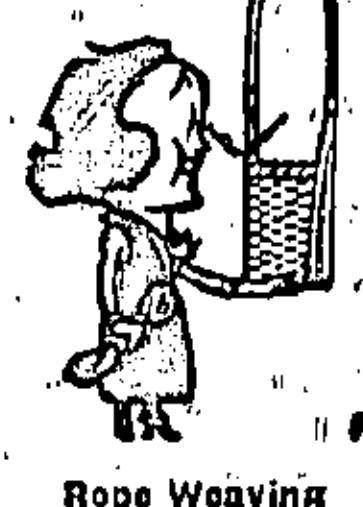
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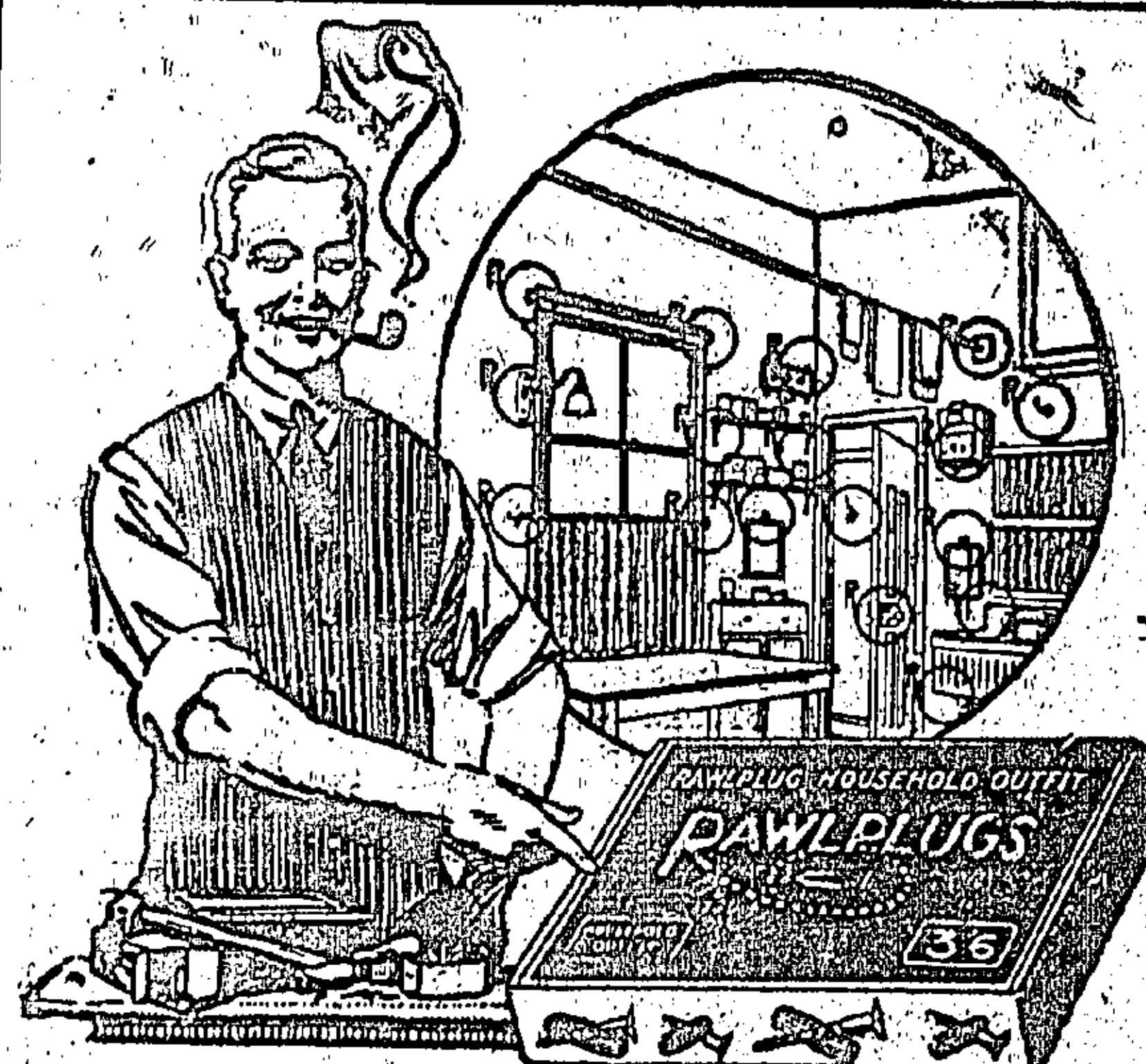
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### ELECTROCUTION.

#### INQUIRY INTO CIRCUMSTANCES AGAIN ADJOURNED.

The inquiry into the deaths of two pedestrians who were electrocuted in Shanghai Street, on the morning of September 27 during the typhoon, was continued before Mr. J. H. B. Nihill and a jury at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon.

Mr. D. J. Lewis watched the proceedings on behalf of the Hongkong Telephone Company, Ltd., and Mr. M. H. Turner on behalf of the China Light and Power Company, Limited.

Mr. D. N. Murray, assistant distribution engineer of the China Light and Power Co., stated that he received a message regarding the accident at 8 a.m. and at once proceeded to the scene. The mains belonging to the Electric Company were not in contact with the telephone wires.

Mr. Lewis: Do you agree with me that the current which electrocuted the two persons was generated by the wires coming into contact with your main?—Probably so.

Mr. D. Tolan, engineer of the Telephone Company, said that he went to Shanghai Street in company with Mr. Murray. When he arrived the two wires had been cut away.

Mr. Lewis: Is that wire the standard gauge wire?—Yes.

Were all the wires in good condition, literally and mechanically, immediately prior to the typhoon?—Yes.

Mr. Turner: To what do you attribute the breaking of the telephone wire?—Some foreign matter coming into contact with it.

Roughly speaking how many feet apart are the brackets supporting the wire?—About 40 yards.

Outside the question of foreign matter striking the wire, do you consider the wire was strong enough to withstand the typhoon?—In certain conditions. If the typhoon struck along the wire, there would be practically no effect, but if the typhoon struck across the wire, it would impose considerable strain on it.

Am I to take it that that strain might snap the wire?—Yes, it might.

Were there many telephone wires found broken that day?—Yes. Quite a number.

The Coroner: That was not the only spot where the telephone wires cross the China Light mains?—No, there are many more places.

#### No Guard Wire.

And unless the power mains are properly insulated they would be a danger to your wires if they fell on them?—Yes, we have no such thing as a guard wire in my district.

Do you consider a guard wire as a protection in a typhoon?—I do not think it would be of much use.

Mr. R. Cryan, electrician of the P. W. D. who also visited the scene of the fatality, found that all the loose wires had already been removed, but he saw four mains belonging to the China Light and Power Company, running along Hi Lung Lane and into Shanghai Street. On three of the mains there were three parts which were almost black. He deduced from this that the wires had been exposed for some time.

The wires were braided. By braiding he meant that they were copper or metallic wires covered by braid, which was usually made of jute. That was not, in his opinion, insulating but merely weather-proof.

On the brackets there were porcelain insulators. There were no guard wires to prevent the Electric Company's wires from coming in contact with the wires of the Telephone Company.

The Coroner: Have you formed any opinion as to the cause of death?—In my opinion, if the cause of death was electrocution, the Telephone Company's wires came in contact with the Electric Company's mains.

What voltage do you consider fatal?—I have heard of 50 volts being fatal.

Answering Mr. Lewis, witness said he was aware that the Government telephone wire running from the Hung Hom Police Station to the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., crossed the latter's wires in two different places and that neither above nor below were there any guard cradles.

Replying to the Coroner witness said he considered guard wires a precaution in typhoons.

The inquiry was again adjourned.

### KOWLOON MATTERS.

#### FAIR RENTS BOARD IDEA ABANDONED.

At this month's meeting of the Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association interesting replies from the Government were read.

In accordance with the Committee's recommendation, the Government stated that a Bus stopping-place had been instituted on Salisbury Road opposite the Post Office for buses going to the Ferry.

It will be remembered that the Committee passed on to the Government a petition signed by some forty residents of Granville Road and its vicinity for the institution of a stopping-place at the junction of Nathan and Granville Roads. The Government in reply stated that as the present stopping-place at the corner of Hai-fong Road is only 160 yards away and a verandah exists on the eastern side of the Nathan Road for the whole of this distance, the additional stop was considered unnecessary.

A member of the Committee reported that the stopping-place recommended last month at the point where the buses turn round in Kowloon City had already been instituted.

#### Board of Education.

The next letter from the Government stated that His Excellency the Governor had been pleased to appoint the Rev. G. R. Lindsay to be a member of the Board of Education for a period of two years. The Rev. Mr. Lindsay has already been acting, as the Association's nominee, on the Board of Education during the absence on leave of Mr. B. Wylie, whose term of office has now expired.

### Fair Rents.

In reply to the Committee's request that a "Fair Rents" Board be established the Government stated that they were not prepared to interfere as they considered that time must be given to allow rents to find their proper economic level, in view of the removal of the rent restrictions, and the recent considerable increase in housing accommodation. In view of the Government's attitude the Committee are of the opinion that it is useless to proceed further with this question at the present time but still think that when conditions in the Colony return to the normal large increases in house rents are to be expected and the question will have to be raised again.

#### Ferry Wharf.

It was stated that the proposed alterations to the Hongkong wharf of the Star Ferry Company, plans of which were submitted to the Committee some time ago, were now in progress and it is hoped that the result will give increased convenience to the travelling public.



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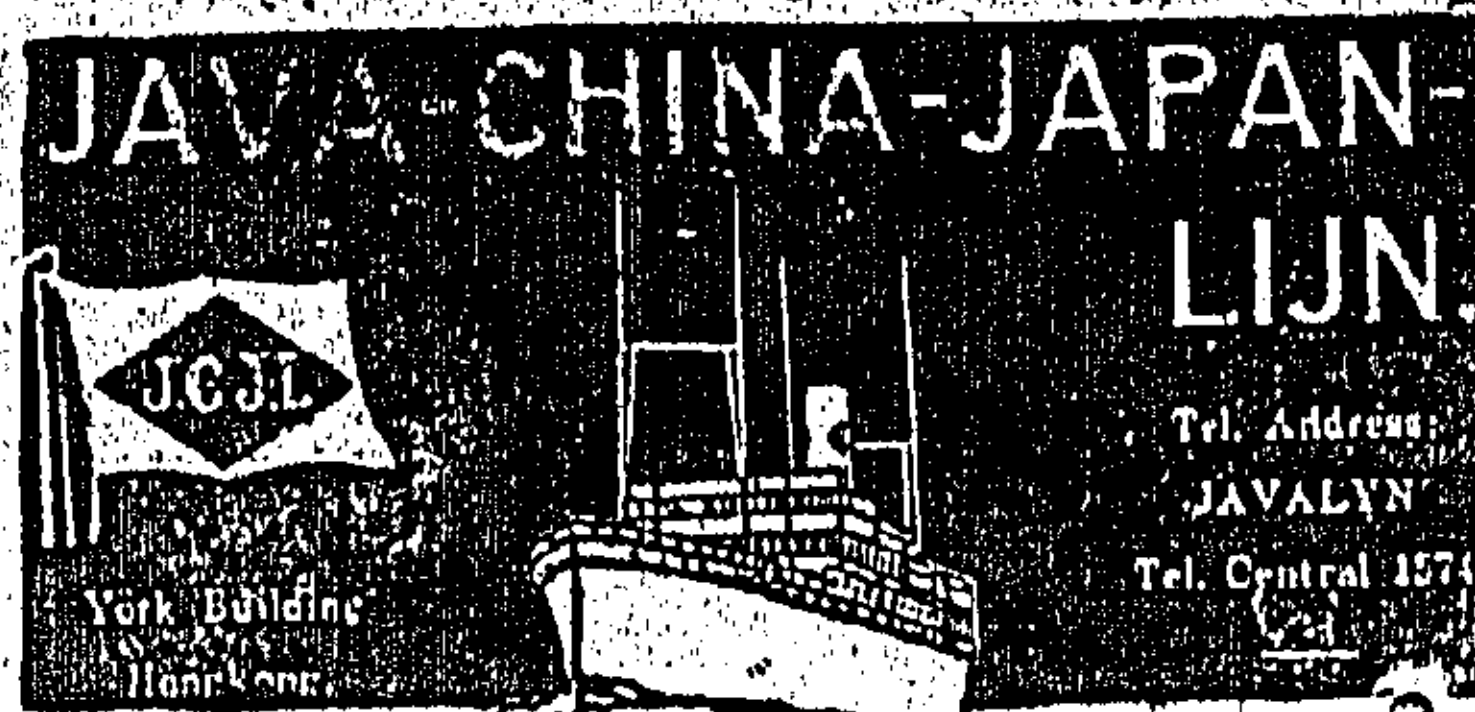
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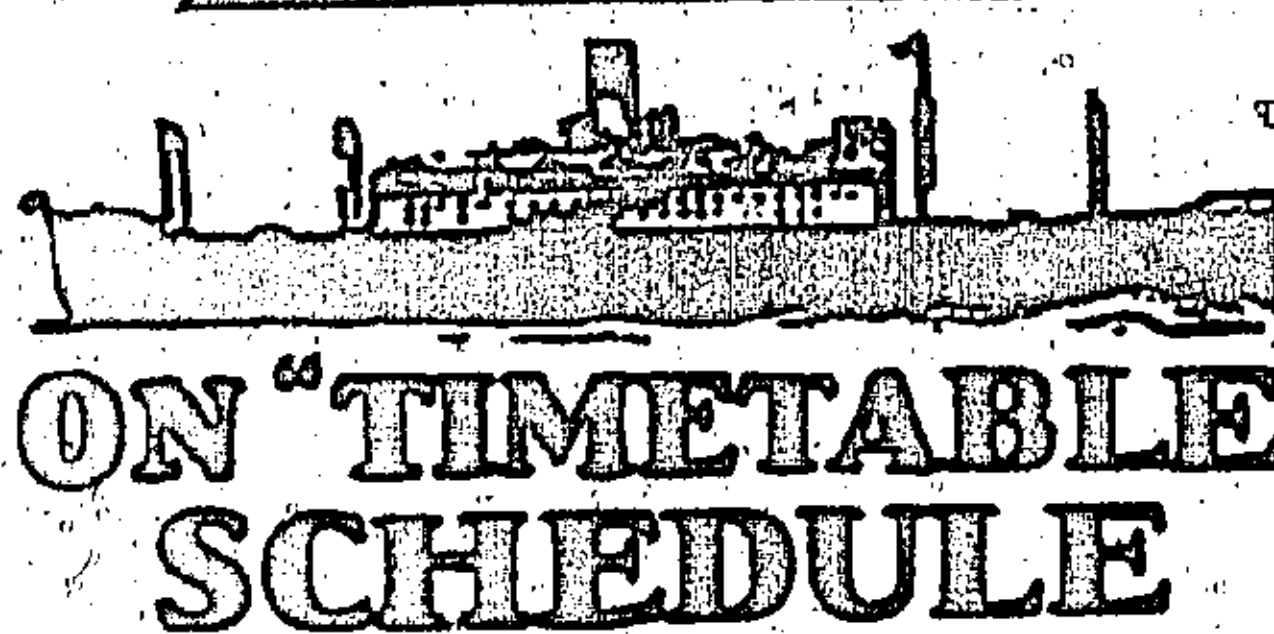
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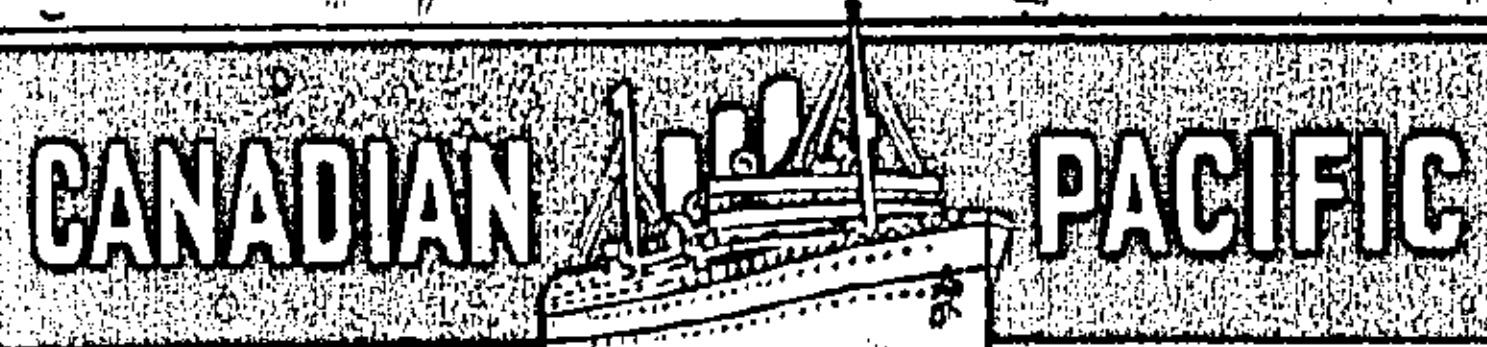
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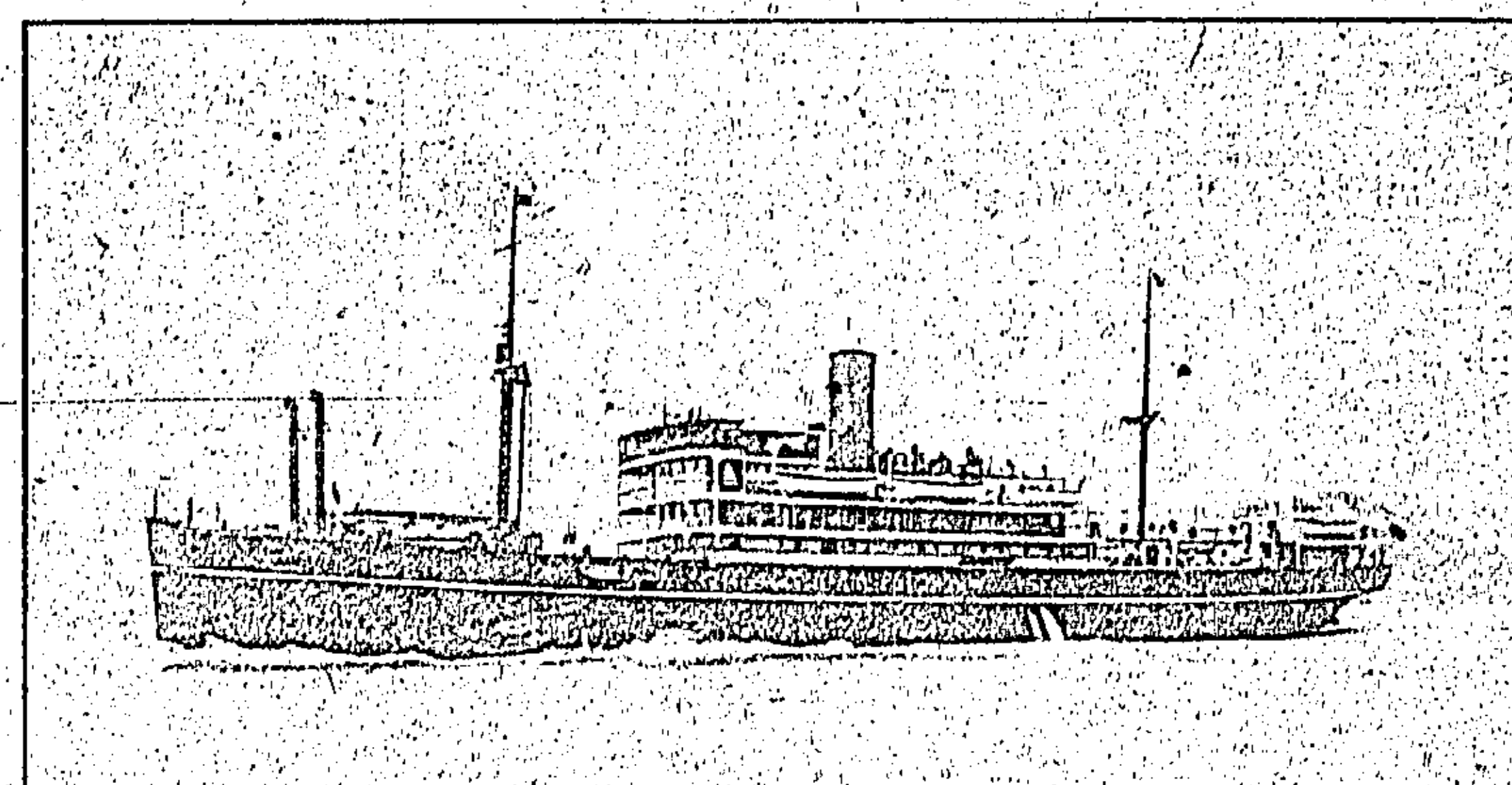
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|                 | 9,128  | 27 Nov. noon           | M'les, Caba Blanca, L'don      |
|                 |        |                        | Antwerp                        |
| DELTA           | 8,097  | 9th Dec.               | S'pore P'ang C'bo & B'bay      |
| MACEDONIA       | 11,089 | 11th Dec.              | Marseilles & London            |
| NELLORE         | 8,852  | 23rd Dec.              | S'pore Penang & Kobe           |
| KHIVA           | 9,135  | 25th Dec.              | M'les L'don & Antwerp          |
| MIRZAPUR        | 6,718  | 3rd Jan.               | M'les L'don H'burg & Rotterdam |
| NYANZA          | 7,023  | 6th Jan.               | S'pore P'ang C'bo & B'bay      |
| MAIWA           | 10,941 | 8th Jan.               | Marseilles & London            |
| KALYAN          | 8,144  | 22nd Jan.              | M'les, L'don & A'werp          |
| DEVANHA         | 8,155  | 28th Jan.              | S'pore, P'ang C'bo & B'bay     |
| MOHEA           | 10,818 | 5th Feb.               | Marseilles & London            |
| DELTA           | 8,097  | 18th Feb.              | S'pore P'ang C'bo & B'bay      |
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|            |       |           |   |
|------------|-------|-----------|---|
| TANDA      | 6,956 | 2nd Dec.  | (Manila, Sandakan, Thurs. Island, Townsville, B'bane, Sydney and Melbourne) |
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|            |        |                |                          |
|------------|--------|----------------|--------------------------|
| KHIVA      | 9,135  | 22 Nov. 4 p.m. | Shanghai, Moji & Kobe    |
| MACEDONIA  | 11,089 | 26th Nov.      | Shanghai                 |
| TALMA      | 10,000 | 27th Nov.      | Kobe                     |
| SHIRAZA    | 7,841  | 2nd Dec.       | Shanghai & Kobe          |
| ST. ALBANS | 4,500  | 7th Dec.       | Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yoko |

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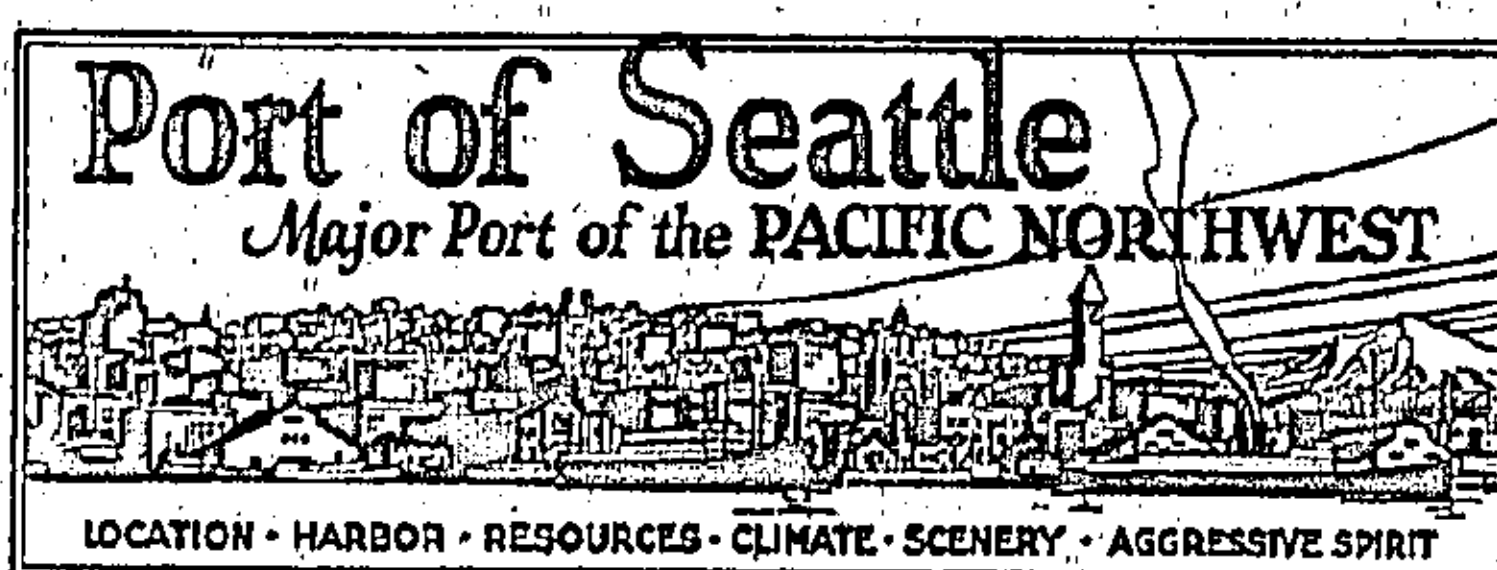
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WOODEN SHIP SOLD BY AUCTION.

At the auction rooms of Messrs. Lammer Bros. yesterday, Mr. L. E. Lammer sold by public auction, the wooden motor ship, Fook Sing, as she now lies off Cheung Sha Wan, the purchaser being Mr. Chu Tsak-ful.

The Fook Sing is a triple screw motor vessel built of teak. Her gross tonnage is 933.34 and registered tonnage 527.52. Her length is 163'4" breadth, 30'7" and depth 19'4".

The ship was put up at \$5,000, with bids of \$100 acceptable. After the price had been taken to \$6,000, Mr. Chu became the new owner.

**JAPAN WIDE AWAKE.**

CRUISER COMING TO DEAL WITH PIRATES.

Tokyo, Nov. 17.

Owing to the request of Japanese businessmen at Canton the Navy Office has decided to employ a warship on permanent guard against Chinese pirates.

It is understood the cruiser Tsuchima is being despatched, but later the gunboat Uji, which is undergoing repairs, will relieve her.—Reuter.

**MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE.**

TWO N. T. PRISONERS DISCHARGED.

The New Territories manslaughter case came to an end yesterday at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice Wood.  
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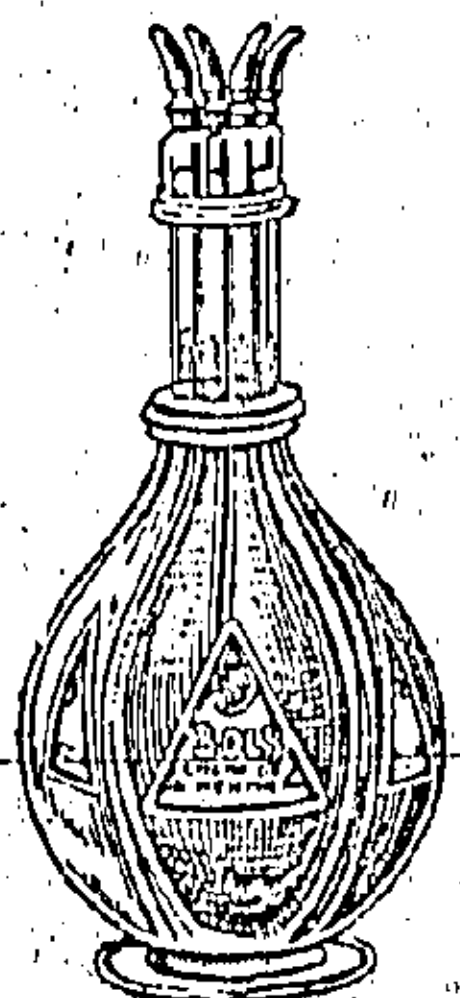
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SUNNING ENGINEER'S  
THRILLING STORY.

(Continued From Page 1.)

Mr. Duncan said that he last saw Mr. Lapsley near the bridge when the officers struck down the pirates. He disappeared toward the rear and was never seen again.

Mr. H. W. Lapsley was fifty-three years of age, and was coming to Hongkong for a month's holiday. He had over thirty years' service with the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company and was due to retire in about two years. He is an old boy of the Diocesan School in Hongkong.

## MISSING MAILS.

TWO BAGS FROM AMOY.

A Telegraph representative who called to see the Superintendent of Mails at the General Post Office this morning, with regard to the two mail bags which were destroyed by the fire, was informed that the Shanghai mail was intact, and the two burnt bags were mails from Amoy to Hongkong.

It is not known at present what was the nature of the contents of the bags, but it is thought that one carried parcels and the other letters. The authorities are in communication with Amoy, and it is expected that before long it will be known exactly what the bags contained.

MR. LAPSLEY STILL MISSING.  
BROTHER OF KOWLOON MAN.

Mr. H. W. Lapsley, one of the two European passengers, is still missing. It is not yet certain whether he was taken off the ship by the pirates, or whether he has otherwise disappeared. He was last seen going to the chart room in the custody of two pirates, and as it was just after then that the Captain made his successful bid for the control of the bridge, Mr. Lapsley was not among those rescued from the Mate's room. He speaks Chinese fluently, and had been acting as interpreter between the Captain and the pirates. It is conjectured that he was taken off by the pirates and is still being held by them.

Mr. Lapsley is of the Shanghai staff of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Company, with whom he had many years' service. He has just retired. He is a brother of Mr. R. Lapsley, of Kowloon Dock, the well-known local bowler, and who was a member of the last Hongkong team to go to Shanghai. Much sympathy will be extended to Mr. Lapsley by his very numerous friends in the trying time through which he is passing.

## THE ACTUAL OCCURRENCES.

"SUNNING" OFFICER'S BOLD STROKE.

It was inevitable that the earlier accounts of the Sunning piracy failed to give the details of the affair correctly. Even among those on board the vessel there was a diversity of account when they related their experiences yesterday, the story told by the Chief Engineer, which we published yesterday, stating that the officers regained control of the bridge by carrying out a sortie from the mate's room. It has since been disclosed that it was due to the action of the Captain and the Second Officer, who were on the bridge navigating the ship under armed pirate guards, that the pirates were defeated.

As has already been stated in these columns, the pirate gang effected their pre-arranged coup at about four o'clock on Monday. The Sunning had left Amoy that morning, with two European passengers, Mrs. A. Prokofier and Mr. W. H. Lapsley, and with about 80 Chinese passengers and 100 crew. The officers aboard were Captain (J. Pringle), Chief Officer (T. P. Beatty), Second Officer (J. V. Hurst), Chief Engineer (G. Cormack), Second Engineer (W. Orr), and Third Engineer (A. Duncan).

## CONTROL REGAINED.

The actual seizure was carried out like so many former affairs of the character—the sudden metamorphosis of Chinese passengers into armed pirates. The whole ship was soon in their hands, and the officers and passengers were collected in the Chief Officer's room and put under guard. Later, some of the officers and engineers were put on duty, under guard, and the pirates gave instructions for a course to be set for Chilang Point, near to the entrance to Blas Bay. During the early part of the night the Captain and the Second Officer were on the bridge under two armed pirates and it

was whilst there that the Captain and Second Officer saw a chance of regaining control of the bridge. The pirates had been very anxious to make Chilang Point, and when a landmark suddenly loomed up, the Second Officer excitedly exclaimed "There's Chilang Point!" The Captain handed one of the pirates his binoculars and so intent did the two pirates scan the darkness ahead that the Second Officer, seizing a deep-sea sounding lead close by, struck both of them unconscious before they were able to make any noise or signal to their fellow pirates elsewhere on the vessel. Thus it was that, by the taking of a hazardous chance, the Captain and Second Officer secured two revolvers and 150 rounds of ammunition and also command of the bridge, which was converted into a citadel of defence.

The Chief Officer's room is under the bridge and the lady passenger and all the other officers, with the exception of the Chief Engineer, were pulled through the skylight up to the bridge, where an all-night defence was put up against the pirates who tried to regain it. The Chief Engineer was down in the engine room at the time of the Captain's act, and he was later forced up a gangway towards the bridge and made a shield for the pirates. In the dark, the defenders did not recognise him and he was shot and wounded.

## THE FIRE.

The pirates could not regain the bridge, at least 11 of them having been shot in trying, so the plan was conceived of setting fire to the upper works of the ship in the hope of driving out the little handful on the bridge. At the time the fire was actually started there were only three rounds of ammunition left in the hands of the defenders, and a sortie by the pirates would undoubtedly have carried the bridge, but this they, fortunately, did not know. They set fire to the woodwork of the cabins amidships but fortunately the wind favoured the bridge and it was not reached at that time.

The pirates themselves were becoming involved in the fire which spread with great rapidity and which was sending up flames to a great height, so they decided to leave the ship in boats. Two boatloads got away, the remainder staying on board and remingling with the passengers.

## BOAT PICKED UP.

The ship was then once more in the hands of its rightful commanders, and every effort was made to quell the flames which were now threatening the whole vessel. As matters looked bad, the ship's last boat was launched and in it were put the lady passenger, the Second Officer, the Third Engineer, the Wireless Operator, and two Chinese quarter-masters. It was not intended that the boat should leave the ship, but the charred rope with which it was being held broke in two and it drifted away in the heavy seas, out of control. After being nine hours at sea, this boat was later picked up by a Norwegian ship from which the occupants were later transferred to H.M.S. Verity and brought back to Hongkong early this morning.

Eventually, the bridge and all the upperworks of the ship were destroyed by fire, those on board fighting the flames ineffectually. Some of the bodies of the pirates who had been shot from the bridge were incinerated in the flames. Just before dawn, an unknown ship was sighted and came to within three miles of the distressed Sunning, but, in spite of the obvious fire and urgent signals from those on board, the vessel stood off again and continued on its way without rendering assistance. Surely, a most amazing proceeding. At daylight, real help came, the s.s. Kaijo Maru coming up, wirelessing for help to Hongkong, and standing by. The story of how H.M.S. Blenheim arrived just later, arrested suspects on board, put out the fire and went in search of other pirates in the stolen boats has already been told, as also has been the arrival of other ships on the scene, the despatch of the tug Talook from Hongkong and the long tow back to Hongkong.

The Sunning came in yesterday afternoon and now lies at Talook Point, near to the entrance to Blas Bay. During the early part of the night the Captain and the Second Officer were on the bridge under two armed pirates and it

TRAGIC MOTOR CAR  
ACCIDENT.DUTCH RESIDENT KILLED  
IN BATAVIA.

A FATAL JUMP.

A Singapore paper states that the town of Batavia was on the 6th inst. shocked at the news that Mr. W. Muurling, Chief Representative of the B.P.M. had been killed in a motor accident on the previous evening near Paroeng Koeda on his way to Bandoeng.

The scene of the accident was a point just before Paroeng Koeda is reached on the Buitenzorg—Soekaboemi road and the time 11 p.m. Mr. W. Muurling, who was on his way from Weltevreden to Bandoeng had the habit of riding at night in order to save time and it would appear that the car was travelling at a considerable speed when the accident happened. The road at this point has been asphalted and the 7-seater Buick slipped at a corner.

Mr. Muurling, who was seated next to his native chauffeur in the front of the car, saw that an accident was inevitable and jumped from the car. Mr. Muurling fell against a coffee tree and the heavy car fell on top of him, crushing him so badly that death must have been instantaneous. Dr. P. H. Olivier, who had been passed by the Buick a few minutes previously, arrived on the scene of the disaster, but only found the dead body of Mr. Muurling.

The chauffeur and assistant were buried under the remains of the car but were soon freed from their uncomfortable position. It then appeared that they had only received slight injuries so that had Mr. Muurling remained in the car instead of jumping out he would probably have been saved.

## SERIOUS CHARGE.

MEN TRICKED FOR  
EMIGRATION?

Subsequent to a complaint received from a number of Kwangsi men to the effect that they had been tricked into enrolling themselves as labour emigrants, officers from the Secretariat for Chinese Affairs arrested a man named Tang Luk, who is connected with the emigration business, in Hongkong last week.

The defendant appeared at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged on remand, with unlawfully, and by fraud, and with the exercise of force, detaining Wong Ping, a native of Kwang Chow Wan, against his will and with intent to put him aboard an emigrant ship. The charge is covered by the Asiatic Emigration Ordinance.

Evidence was given by the complainant, and two other witnesses that, while working at a bridge near their native village in Kwangsi, they were approached by the defendant who held out alluring prospects at the same time that he offered to enlist them as soldiers in Hongkong. They put themselves under his management, embarking at Kwang Chow Wan, to come to Hongkong. Not until they had been kept one night in a local emigrant's boarding house did they learn that they were to be made *chu tai* (i.e. "small pigs") a slang term given to labourer-emigrants. The would-be soldiers thereupon put their case in the hands of the police.

Defendant, in replying to the Magistrate, said that his intentions were bona-fide from the start. These were that he had wanted the men to join as labourer-emigrants, and he had never deceived them into thinking otherwise by telling them that they would be wanted as soldiers.

Later, in the course of the examination of the defendant his Worship asked if the defendant's own statement did not amount to flying "the male white pigeon."

A discussion ensued between the Magistrate and Detective Sergeant O'Donovan, who conducted the case, as to the wording of the charge and the extent to which the only section in the Ordinance available to them, was applicable to the nature and circumstances of the case.

Mr. Lindsell said he wished to consider the legal points involved, and for this purpose he again remanded the case, until next Tuesday.

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